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God kyng of Englande, Fraunce,  
and Ireland, defender of the faith,  
and of the Church of Englande  
and also of Irelande in earthe the  
Supreme heade, to the honour of  
almighty God, and for the concord  
quyet and welth of this his realme,  
and subiectes of the same, helde  
his moste hygh court of par-  
lyament, begun at westm  
the. xvi. daye of Januarye,  
uer, and there conty-  
nued tyll the xij. daye  
of Apryll, the  
xxxiij. yere  
of his moste  
noble and  
victoriose  
house  
reynne wherin were esta-  
blished these actes  
folowynge.



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**E**n acte concerning counterfeit letters or private tokens to receyue money or goodes in other mens names. Cap. i.



**F**OR AS MOCH AS many lyght and euyl dysposed personnes not myndynge to get theyr luynges by truthe accordynge to the lawes of this realme, but compassynge and dysuyllynge daylye howe they maie vnlaufullly obteyne and gette into theyr handes and possessiones, goodes, cattalles, and iewels of other persons for the maintenance of theyr unthriftynge. And also knowynge that yf they come to any of the same goodes cattelles and iewelles by felthe, that than they beynge therof lawfully comytte, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, shall dye therfoze: have now of late falselly and dysceitfully contrived deuyfed and ymagyned private tokens and counterfeit letters in other mens names, vnto diuers persons theyr especyall frendes and acquayntaunces, for the obtaynynge of money, goodes, cattalles, and iewelles of the same persons, theyr frendes and acquayntaunces, by colour wherof, the sayde lyght and euyl dysposed personnes haue dysceitfully and vnlaufullly obtayned and gotten greatesubstaunce of money, goodes, cattals, and iewels into theyr handes and possessiones, contrary to ryghte and conscience. For reformation wherof, be it enacted by authority of this presente parlyamente, that if any person or persons, of what estate or degree heuer he or they be, at any tyme after the fyrste daye of Apryll next comynge, falselly and dysceitfully obtaine or get into his or theyr handes or possession any money, goodes, cattals, iewels, or other thynges, of any other person or persones, by colour and meanes of any suche false token or counterfeit letter made in any other mannes name, as is aforesayde: that then every suche person and persones, so offending, and beynge therof lawfully comytte by iurymen, taken before the Lord Chancellour of Englande for the tyme beynge, or by examination of iurymen, or confession taken in the sterte chamber at westm before the kynges moste honourable counsell, or before the iustices of assyse in theyr counties for the tyme beynge, or before the iustices of peace within any parte of the kynges domynion in theyr general sessions, or by action in any of the kynges courtres of record, shall have and suffer suche correction and punishment by imprisonment of his body lettynge upon the pillory, or otherwyle by any corporall payne (excepte payne of death) as shall be iudged by the iurymen so abjudged or appointed by the person and persones, before whom he shall be so comytte of the sayde offences, or of any of them.

And be it further enacted by the authority afoze sayde, that as well the iustices of assyse for the tyme beynge, as also two iustices of peace in every countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power and authority to call and requient by process or otherwyle, to the sayd assyses or general sessions, any person or persones beynge suspected of any the offences afoze sayde, and to comytte hym or them to ward, or let hym or them to baile, till the



the nexte assyses or generall sessions, there to be examined and further to be ordered by theyr discretions, as is aboue sayde.

**PROVIDED** alwayes and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd that iustices of the peace within every citie borough towne and franchyses within this realme or other the kynges dominions, shal haue lyke iurisdiction on power and auctoritie at theyr generall sessions, and otherwyle to do and execute all and every thyng and thynges in all poyntes, as other iustices of the shires in theyr circuits, or iustices of the peace in the counties by vertue of this act be lymitted and appoynted to do and execute, for the punishment and correction of lyke offenders, as by this aforesayd acte is specified and declared. Sauing to the partie greued by suche discreyte suche remedy by waye of action or other wyle of and for the same moneye goods cattelles Jewels or other thynges so opteyned, as he myght haue had if this acte had neuer ben had ne made, any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrarie in any wise not withstandinge.

**PROVIDED** alwayes and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynges hyghnes counsell of his towne of Calles, or thye of them for the tyme beyng, shal haue such and lyke auctoritie for the examination, baylement, and punishment of suche offendour or offendours, and for suche offences hereafter to be committed and done within the towne and marches of Calles and countie of Gutes, as the foresayde Justices of assise, or iustices of peace haue by force of this acte within theyr iurisdiccions and auctorities.

**An acte concernynge byenge of fische upon the sea, Cap. ii.**



**WHERE** MANY and dyuerse townes and portes by the sea syde, in the countie of Kent and Sussex, as well of the fyue portes and members of the same portes as other, haue in tymes past ben in great welth and prosperitie, wel buylded and inhabited with a great multitude of people, by reason of bysing and exercising the crafte and feat of fischyng, whereby the sayde portes and townes were able to make amonge them selues a great number of botes and shippes, and also manys good maryners to the sayde bores belongynge, the whiche sayd maryners were not onely put to the sayd diligent labour and exercyse of fischyng, but also they were put in dayly expence and knowledg of the costes of the sea, as well within thys realme as in other parties beyonde the sea, by the whiche practyse it was not only great strength to this realme, by reason of byngyng by and encreasynge of maryners, when so euer the kynges grace had nede of them, but also a great welth to the realme, and abundaunce of such, whereby our soueraygne lord the king the lordes gentylmen and commons were alwayes well serued of fisch in market townes of a reasonable pryce and also by reason of the same fischyng many men were made & grewe ryche, and many pooer men and women had thereby

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therby they conuenient luyng, to the strength encreasynge and welth of this realme: And where many and dyuers of the sayd fyshermen, for their singular lute and aduantage do leaue the sayd craft of fyshynge, and be confederate with Wyrcardes Flemynge, Romans and Frenchemen, and sometyme sale ouer into the costes of Wyrcard and Flaunders, & sometyme do mete the sayde Wyrcardes and Flemynge halfe the sea ouer, and there for redy money of the coyne of this realme, do marchant and bye the sayde freshe fysh of the same estraungers amowntynge to the summe perely of .xx. M. markes and aboute, and so coine and make theyr sales in dyuers costes and creakes within this realme at theyr pleasure, where yf they dyd not so, the same Wyrcardes & Flemynge wolde buyng the same fysh ouer them selves, and selle it in this realme to the kynges subiectes, moche better cheape and for lesse money, if the same botes and people of this realme wolde not regrate the sayde fysh: the whiche is to the great impoueryshynge of the kynges people conueyng and minishynge of the kynges coyne out of this realme, contrary to his lawes and statutes, to the great diminution of the kynges nauy fisherbotes and maryners, and also to the destruction desolation and vttir vndoing of such portes and towne by the sea syde, & depopulation of the people of this realme, and the debilitie and weaknes thereof. In consideration whereof, be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person englyshe denysen nor estraunger, now dwelling, or they which at any tyme hereafter shal dwel or inhabyt within any of the fyue portes creakes lymes or meimbers of the same, or within any other place within this realme, shal from the first day of Auguste now next comynge, bye any freshe fysh of any estraunger in the sayde parties of Flaunders Zelande Wyrcard or Fraunce, or vppon the sea, betwene Hoze and Hoze, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale within this realme, to any person or persons, vpon payne of euery person so doing at any tyme, to forsaite for euery tyme so doyng ten poundes, wherof the one halfe to be to our souerayne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to the partie or parties that wyll sue for the same, by bpl. action of det. information or otherwys in any of the kynges courtes, and to be tited in the county next adioynynge, where the byng is supposed to be made don or had, where in no delay wager of lawe protection nor essoyne shal be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shal be lawfull to al and euery fysher estraunger, to come and resorte into euery haven port creak or other place within this realme with their fysh, and the same fysh to put to sale without let or impediment of any person or persons at all tymes and as often as it shal please them.

Provided alwayes, that this acte or anye thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende or be in any wyse hurtfull to any person or persons for the byng of sturgeon porpoise or seale vpon the sea, or bought in any parte of beyonde the sea, and brought into this realme to be vttered and solde, any thyng con-



teyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ PROVIDED ALSO, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be hurtfull ne prejudyciall to anye personne or persones for the byenge of anye hearynge or spettes, bypon the sea, or at the costes, to be bought at any tyme on thys syde the feaste of the Purification of oure lady saynte Mary, whiche shall be in the yere of oure lord god, a thousande fyue hundred forty and thye, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ PROVIDED furthermoze, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any personne or persones, whiche shall bye any fyllhe in any parties of Iselande, Scotlande, Dykeney, Shotlande, Irelande or Newlande, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng. This acte onely to endure tyll the later ende of the nexte parlyament.

**C** An acte for foldyng of clothes in Northwales. Capl.iii.



VHERE A certayne kynde and sorte of walsh clothes called whytes, russettes, and kenettes, made and wroughte in Northwales and Dycester hundred, adioynnge to Northwales, of longe tyme haue bene and be so craftely and harde rolled to gyther, that the byer therof can not perceyue nor discern the vntrewe makynge and byeadth therof, to the great hurt, dyscepte, and empoueryshynge of the kynges true and louyng subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed, by the king our soueraygne lord, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and every the sayde clothes frome and after the feaste of the Nativite of saynte John Baptyste nexte commynge, that shalbe brought to any comon markettes or feyres to be vttered and solde, shall be folded epyther in pleyghetes or cuttell, as the clothes of all other countreys of thys realme commonly haue bene bled and be bled, to the intent that the byers therof may playnly see and perceyue the byeadth, and goodnesse of suche clothe and clothes that he shall bye. And that every pece of the sayde clothes, whiche after the sayde feaste shall be brought to any market or feyre to be vttered and solde, contrary to the fourme abovesayde, shall be forfayted, that is to saye, the mooyte or one halfe therof to the vse of our sayd soueraygne lord the kyng, and the other mooyte therof to any of the kynges subiectes, whiche wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recozde, by action of debte byll playnte inforamation or other wyse, wherin the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor anye protection nor eslopye or any other delatozre plea admytted or allowed.

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An acte concernyng peuterers. Cap. iiii.



WHERE AT THE parliament begun at London the third daye of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the regne of the kynge our souerayne lord, and from thens adiourned to Westm, and there holden, and from that tyme continued by dyuers propositions vnto the. xv. day of January, the. xxi. yere of his moste noble reigne. It was ordeyned and establisshed by the assente of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in the sayd parliament than assembled; and by auctorite of the same, that no person nor persons, from that tyme than inhabytyng, or which after that tyme shuld in habite within this realme, shuld bye, or otherwyse take by eschange for other wares, any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this realme, of tynne or myrte with tynne, as platters dysshes saucers pottes balons ewers flagons goblettes saltres saltcellers spoones or any other thyng made of tyn or pewter, as aforesayd, what so euer it were, vpon peyn of forfayture of the same wares, in whose handes so euer it myght be found or taken, & also lawful money currant in this realme, to the full value thereof, the one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the vse of the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to be to the vse of the fynders of the same: And further it was enacted, that it shuld be lesul to the mayster and wardepns of the Peuterers, as wel within the citie of London, as within euery other citie borough or towne within this realme, where such wardens were, and where no such wardens were, to the head officer or gouernour, head offycers or gouernours of the same citie borough or towne for the tyme being, to appoynt dyuers persons, most expert in knowlege of the same, to make serch and seysure, and to take into their handes & possession, all suche wares, as thereafter shulde be brought contrary to the true entent and effect of the said act, in whose so euer handes or possession any suche shulde be founde. And it was also enacted by the auctorite abovesaid, that no person nor persons, occupieng the said craft or occupatton of peuterers within this realme, shuld ser on worke, or retayne in his or their seruice any person or persons, to be his or their pientyce or iourney man & straunger bozne out of this realme, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery such pientyce and iourney man ten poundes sterlinges: And that no stranger bozne out of this realme, shuld occupy exercise or vse, from the feast of Pentecost than next coming, the said craft of peuterers, ne work any maner of vessels or other wares aforesayde, to be made of tyn or pewter, within any place or places of this realme, vpon peyn of forfayture of. xli. sterlinges, and also vpon peyn of forfayture of the same pewter or tyn so brought, in whose handes so euer it shuld be found or taken: And it was further enacted by the sayd auctorite that no person nor persons being bozne within this realme, than occupieng or exercising the said craft of peuterers, shuld fro thensforth resort into any strange regions or cuntreys, there to vse teache or exercise the said craft of peuterers vpon pain to lose the ptyllege and benefite of an englyshe man. And if in case any



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any of the kynges subiectes, at that tyme beyng dwellinge in any strange cuntrye or region, and there occupieng the sayd craft of peuterers, did not repaire into this realme within thre monethes next after request and warning to hym to be gyven by writtynge sealed with the comon scale of the wardens of the sayd craft within the sayd citie of London, and here in this realme continually from thensforth dwell and inhabite, that than and from hensforth he shulde be reputed and taken as no englyshe man, but shuld stande and be from hensforth out of the kynges protection: And it was than further enacted, that where sundry euill disposed persons, which commonly were called hawkers, by auctoritie of the kynges letters patentes or placarde, dydde not onely go about from place to place within this realme, vsing byeng and sellinge of brasle and peuter, and by coloure and pretence of the same lycences or placardes, dyd not onely vse vnlesfull and disceyuable weyghtes and beames, but also dyd vse to selle bothe brasle and pewter whych was not good, nor truly or lausfully myxt or wrought, to the great decept of the kynges true liege people, contrarie to the fourme and effecte of a good and laudable act and statute, made in the fourth yere of the kynges sayde most noble reygne, that al suche lycences and placardes afoze that tyme had made or granted to any such person or persons, contrary to the true meanyng fourme and effect of the sayd estatute, shulde be from thensforth by the auctoritie of the sayde parlyament clerely voyde and of none effecte. And where as in the sayd acte of parlyament, concernyng the sayd crafte of peuterers and brasiers, made in the sayde fourth yere, for dyuers causes and considerations in the same act conteyned amongst other thynges it was expresse, that no person nor persons, vsyng the sayd craft of peuterers or brasiers, shuld from hensforth sell or chaunge any peuter or brasle newe or olde, at any place or places within this realme, but onely in open fayres or markettes, or in theyr owne dwelling houses, but if they were despyed by the byers of such wares, upon pain of forsaiture for euery suche defaute. x. li. And soo than the same forsaiture was to the onely vse of the kynges hyghnes, and the partye serchyng or fyndyng the same, was not intituled to haue any benefitt thereby: it was not known, that any person or persones had taken any peynes, to enserche or make any inquiry therof, by reason wherof dyuerse and many euille disposed persons, than vsyng byenge and sellinge as welle of brasle as pewter, and not regardyng the sayde good act, nor the sayd penalty, went dayly about from byllage to byllage, towne to towne, and from house to house, to sel such peuter and brasle, which was not good, and also used dysceyuable weyghtes and beames, as they dyd befoze the makynge of the sayd act, to the great hurt and disceypt of the kynges true liege people and subiectes. wherfoze it was enacted by the auctoritie of the sayde parlyament, that as welle the moptye of the sayde forsaiture of. x. li. lymitte in the sayd statute, made in the sayde fourth yere, as also the moptye of al other forsaitures and penalties, expresse and specified in the sayd actes, and euery of them, shulde be to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successors, and the other moptye of the same forsaitures

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faitures and penalties and euerye of them, to the vse of hym or theym that  
 wolde leise fynde or p[re]sent the same for faitures or any of them, or that wold  
 sue for the same in any competente court or courtes within thys realme, by  
 action of debt, byll, playnt or information, wherein the defendaunt shulde in  
 no wyse be admitted to wage his law, or any protection or eslopie to any per-  
 son or persons, whiche shulde be impeched to haue offended contrary to the  
 fourme and effect of this estatute, shuld be allowable, as in the sayd act more  
 playnely appereth, whiche acte was appoynted to endure only to the ende of  
 the nexte parlyament than next folowynge and which acte was after renewed  
 in the parlyamente holden at Westm, in the .xxviii. yere of the reygne of our  
 sayde souerayne lord to endure vntyl the ende of the next parlyamente, than  
 next folowynge: And whiche acte was also renewed at the parlyamente, hol-  
 den at Westm, in the .xxxi. and .xxxi. yeres of our said souerayne lordes reign,  
 to endure vntyl the laste day of the nexte parlyamente than nexte enslynge.  
 Wherfore in this p[re]sent parlyament our sayd souerayne lordes true  
 and obedient subiectes, the p[re]sentes of this his sayde realme, and other the  
 true commons of the same, because the same acte is beneficial and necessary for  
 the common welthe of this realme. That it maye be enacted by the kyng our  
 sayd souerayne lord, the lordes spiritual and temp[or]al, and the commons in  
 this p[re]sente parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, forasmuch  
 as the same acte, and euery thyng therein conteyned, is good and beneficial to  
 the common welthe of this realme, that all and euery the sayde actes and sta-  
 tutes, and all and euerye article sentence and clause comp[re]sented in the same,  
 maye from henceforth stande and abyde in as full strength and effect for euery  
 more from henceforth to endure, accordyng to the purport tenour and effect  
 of the same acte and actes, as though the sayde articles sentences and clauses  
 were specially limited recited or declared in this p[re]sent acte. And that no per-  
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 And that it maye be further enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if any  
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 ster and wardens, or theyr deputies of the said craft of p[re]sentes for the time  
 being, or the head officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernours of cities  
 townes and boroughes within thys realme, wherein noo suche master and  
 wardens are or shall be, or any of them in fetchyng, sealyng and takyng into  
 theyr handes and possessions suche wares as shall happen to be brought or  
 brought into this realme contrary to the purport and effect of the sayde esta-  
 tute, made in the sayd .xxv. yere of the reygne of our sayd souerayne lord, that  
 than euerye suche person and persons so offendynge, in lettynge, disturbyng or  
 withstandynge the said seisure or takyng of suche wares, as is aforesayd, shal  
 lose and forsaite for euery tyme so doing the summe of .v. poundes sterlyngs  
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The one halfe wherof, shalbe to the kynges vse, and thocher halfe to hym or them, that wyll or shall sue for the same, by action of det wyrtbyll playnt or information in any the kynges courtes of recorde. In whiche action or suit no protection priuilege nor wages of lawe shall be allowed nor admittted.

An acte concernynge keepynge of great hoxses. Cap. v.



WHERE in the parlyament begunne and holden at westm the xxviii. day of April in the xxii. yere of the reygne of our moste graddde soueraigne lord, and from that daye continued and proroged by diversse prorogations to the xi. day of May in the xxii. yere of the reygne of our sayde moste graddde soueraigne lord, and then synnished and ended, it was ordeyned and enacted in the session of the sayde parlyament, holden in the sayde xxii. yere of the kyng, amonges other thynges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauyng parkes, shulde kepe inares, and synde staulandes for brede and increase of hoxses for defence of this realme, after such rate and fashon, as by the sayde acte is more playnely expessed. Sothen the making wherof there is begun a good number of brede of hoxses, whiche by continuance is lyke in thorte tyme moche to increase for the sure defence of this realme, if provision were made for the keepynge and sustentation of such hoxses within this realme, and in other the kynges dominions, after they be bred and come to age to do seruyce. And for as muche as hoxses hable for the warres be conuenient and necessary to be kept and mainteyned by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauyng any dignite estate possessions or other great substance for the maintenance of the same: It may therfore please the kynges moste tovall maieste, with the assente of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, to ordeyn and enacte by authority of the same, that euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, from and after the feaste of saynt Michael the archangell, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. lxxiii. shall have fynde to kepe susteyne and mainteyne of thre or thre poper hoxses, and at thos poper costes and expenses, seven stoned luyng hoxses for the saddle, euery hoxse of the same to be in age thre yeres and upward, in heygth xiiii. handspalms, re-conynge and accomynge to euery handspall foure pyches of the standarde, to be measured from the nether parte of the heade of the hough, vnto the upper parte of the wyndstones, that is to saye, the upper parte of the shulders vpon peyne that euery archbishop and bishop, lacking the number of aye sayd hoxses to them aboue limited, after the sayd feast by the space of thre monethes, shall lose and forfayte for euery hoxse to lackynge, as often as they or any of them shal so lacke them by the sayde space of thre monethes, in. li. The one moite therof to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moite to such as wyll sue for the same by bolle playnt originall writ or information in any of the kynges courtes, in which sues the defendantes shall not waige theyr

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theyr lawe, nor any protection or eslopyne shall be admytted or allowed. And that everie Marques and Erie of this realme, and alsoo everie Bysshoppe of this realme, the yerely valewe of whose bysshoppyche is of the yerely valewe of a thousande pounde or aboue, shall after the feast of saynte Mychaell the archangell, haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne of theyr proper hoxses, and at theyr proper charges and expenses, fyue stoned trottyng hoxses for the saddle, of the age and heygth aforesayd, vpon the peyne aboue specified, to be loste and recouered to the vse and in suche fourtme as is afoze remembred. And that every other bysshoppe of this realme, whose bysshoppyche is of the yerely value of a thousand markes or aboue: And every vicount and baron, haupng landes tenementes fees an nuyties or offyces for terme of his lyfe, to the clere yerely value of a thousande markes or aboue, vpon lyke peyne as is aforesayde, shall after the sayd feast of saynte Mychaell, haue synde kepe susteyn and maynteyne thye stoned trottyng hoxses for the saddle, of the age and heygth afoze mentioned, vppon the peyne aboue specified, to be lost forsayte and recouered in maner and fourtme as is aforesayd. And that every other bysshopp, bycount and baron of this realme, not afoze mentioned, and also every spiritual person, haupnge benefices or promotions, to the yerely value of fyue hundred markes: And every tempo-  
 rall person, haupng landes, tenementes, offyces, fees, or annuities for terme of his lyfe, in his owne ryght or his wyues, to the yerely value of fyve hundred markes, after the sayd feast of saynt Mychaell, shall haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne two stoned trottyng hoxses for the saddle, in maner and fourtme, and vpon the peyne afoze reherced. And that every other spiri-  
 tual person, bepng vnder the degre of a bysshop, haupng benefices or promo-  
 tions to the clere yerely value of a hundred poundes or aboue, and not to the yerely valde of fyue hundred markes: And all and every other person tem-  
 porall, not afoze mentioned, whose wyfe after the feast of saynt Mychaell the  
 archangell next hereafter mencioned, in this arte, shal weare any gowne of  
 spike, or whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hooode or bonet of beluet, with  
 any habiliment passe or edge of golde petle or stone, or any chayn of golde a-  
 bout theyr neckes, or in theyr pattlettes, or in any apperelle of theyr bodye  
 shall after the feast of saynt Mychaell the archangell, which shall be in the  
 pere of our lord god a thousande fyve hundred forty and fyve, haue synde  
 kepe susteyne and maynteyne, as is aforesayd, one stoned trottyng hoxse for  
 the saddell, vpon the peyne that every such spiritual person, vnder the degre  
 of a bysshop, haupng laudes tenementes benefices or promotions to the yerely  
 value of a hundred poundes, and not to the yerely vale of fyve hundred  
 markes, as is aforesayde: And every other tempo-  
 rall persone, whole wyfe  
 after the sayde feast of saynte Mychaell, shall weare any gowne of spike, or  
 whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hooode, or bonet of beluet, with any ha-  
 blyment passe or edge of golde, petle, or stone, or anye chayne of golde a-  
 bout theyr neckes, or in theyr pattlettes, or in any apparell of theyr bodye,  
 shall lose and forsayte for every tyme that any of theym shall wante or lacke  
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by the space of thre monethes, oone trottyngge flooned hofse, of the heyghte and age aforesayde, tenne poundes, the one moytre thereof to the kyng, and the other to suche as wpll sewe for the same, in suche fourme as is afoze mentioned.

**A**ND be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of assizes, and Justices of peace shall haue power and auctorite within the lymttes of theyr auctorite, to here and determyne the defaultes done contrary to this acte as well by presentment as information, and to make suche processe vpon any presentment and information afoze theym, as in any other cases of trespasses and contemptes done agaynst the fourme of any estatutes, and shall sette no lesse fyne nor peyne vpon suche persons as shall be conuicted by confession or tryall for offendynge this acte, than is aboue lymitted.

**A**ND FOR THE BETTER obseruation of this acte, Be it further ordeyned by auctorite aforesayde, that euery Shyreffe in any Shyre of this realme, shall do his dylygence and good endeuous, to serche and knowe by vertue of his offyce, all defaultes done or committed by any personne or persons, in lackynge of hofses contrary to this acte, as shall happen within the Shyre where he is Shyreffe, and shall ones in the yere, that is to saye in the tyme of saynt Mychaell, certifye the sayd defaultes, if any be, in to the kinges Eschequer, by wytyng vnder his seale, to the entent that processe may be made agaynst the offendours accor dyngely. And that euery suche certificates of the Shyreffe, shall be of as good force and effecte agaynst the offendours of this acte, as any information therof in the sayde eschequer. And in case any shall be conuicted vpon any suche certificates by confession or tryall, accor dyng to the course of the lawe, than the Shyreffe makynge suche certificates, shall haue one moytie of the forsayture, and the kynges maiesty the other moytie therof.

**P**ROVIDED alwayes, that no person shall be impeched molested or troubled for any offence done contrary to this acte, by bylle, action, information, presentment or certificates of the Shyreffe, oneles that suche byll action information presentment or certificates be made or had within one yere nexte after the offence done contrary to this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

**P**ROVIDED alwayes that this acte nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to any sonnes and heyres appaunt of any Duke, Marques, Erle, Viscount, or Baron, nor to the sonnes or heyres apparant of any other persone, haupnge landes tenementes or hereditamentes to the perelye value of fyve hundred markes or aboue, to bynde or compel any such heyres appaunt, to fynde or kepe any hofses by vertue of this acte in the life of their fathers, excepte suche sonnes and heyres appaunt haue landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, or offices, to the perelye value of fyve hundred markes, but that euery suche sonnes and heyres appaunt, excepte before excepte, maye do as they byd or mought doo afoze the makynge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

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**P**rovided alwayes that if any suche sonne and heyre haue landes tene-  
mentes heredytamentes fees offices oꝝ annuities foꝝ terme of lyfe in his  
owne righte, oꝝ in the right of his wyfe, to the clere verely value of fyue hu-  
dred markes; that then suche sonnes and heyres haupnge suche landes tene-  
mentes heredytamenta fees offices oꝝ annuities, to the clere verely value of  
fyue hundred markes, as is aforesayde, shall finde kepe susteyne and main-  
teyne one trottyng horse foꝝ the saddle in fourma aforesayde, vpon the pepn  
of .xx. poundes, to be lost and forsaft foꝝ euery thye monethes that any such  
sonne and heyre shall lacke & want a trottyng stoned horse, as is aforesayd.

**A**nd be it provided and enacted by auctoritie afore sayd, that if the wyfe of any person or persons weare any belluet in the lynynge or other parte of her gowne, other then in the cuffes or purples of suche gowne, or els weare any beluet in her kytell, or weate any petticoate of sylke, that then the husbande of euery suche wyfe shall fynde one honest hoise of the stature aboue in this act rectified, or that inuente the aboue sayd penaltie and so, capture of .x. poudes, to be leuied and retounered as is afore declared.

**¶** Provided also that this acte of any thinge therein conteyned shal not extend to charge any person or persons whose wyfe or wyues shal weare any of the apparayle or thynges above rehersted duringe the tyme such wyfe or wyues shal be deuoted from her or theyr husbande or husblandes, or shall willingly absent her selfe from her sayde husband, and duringe such absence shal weare any of the apparayle or other thynges afore recyted.

**E**ncombed all waies that heyres within age, being wardes, whose landes tenementes and hereditamentes amounte to the yerely value of .CC. li. shall not be compelled by auctorite of this act, till they come to theyr full age, to kepe any hoxes, althoughe the wyfes of such heyres within age weare any gowne of sylke, or any fresshe hood or bonet of velvet, with any habilimet past or edge of gold perle or stone, or any chayne of gold about thei neckes or in theyr paretlets, or in any apparayl of theyr body, any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided also that if al or any the horses kept by virtue of this act, shall happen to be killed maimed or lost in the tenure of the Kinges warres, that then in every such case the owners of such horse or horses, so killed maimed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue redempcion by the space of two yeres nexte after such chaunce of killing maiming perishing or losing ther, horses, to provide other horses in the steed and place of the horses so killed maimed perished or losse in the warres, without any daunger losse or penal ty of this act, any thing in this act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, that carte hoyses or tynpler hoyses shal not be take reputyd or reckenyd for any such hoyses, which any pesson is or shalbe bounden to kepe by vertue of this acte.



## An act conceyning crossebowes and handgunnes. Cap. vi.



Here in the parliament holden at Westmynster, the. xv. day of Januarie, in the. xxx. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, and there continued & kept vntyll the. xxx. day of Marche then next ensuyng, among dyuers and sundry hol some and laudable actes statutes and ordynaunces, one statute and ordynance was made and ordeined for the auoy dyng and elchebyng of shotyng in Crossebowes and handgunnes: By whiche the makynge of which act diuerse malicious and euyl disposed persons, not onely presumyng wilfully and obstinately the violation and breache of the said act, but also of their malicious and euyl disposed mides and purposes, haue wilfully and shamfully comitted perpetrated and done diuerse detestable and shamfull murders robberies felonies riottes and routes with crossebowes, lytel shoot handgunnes, and lytel hagbuttes, to the great peril and continuall feare and danger of the kyngis most louyng subiectes: and also dyuers keepers of forestes chases and parkes, as well of our sayd souerayne lord, as other his nobles and commons, and dyuerse gentylmen yomen and seruing men now of late haue layde apart the good and laudable exercise of the long bowe, which alway hertofore both ben the suretie safegarde and contrynual defence of this realme of England, and an inestimable dreed and terrour to the enemies of the same: And now of late the said euyl disposed persons haue vsed and yet do dayly vse to ryde and go in the kynges high wayes and els where, hauing with them crossebowes and lytel handgunnes redy furnished with quarrelles gounpouder fyre & touche to the great perill and feare of the kynges most louyng subiectes: For reformation wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, in maner and forme folowing, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be, excepte he or they in their owne right, or in the righte of his or their wyues, to his or their owne vses, or any other to the vse of any such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices to the yerely valu of one hundred pounnes, from or after the last day of June next commyng, shall shote in any crosse bowe hand gunne hagbut or demy hake, or yle or hepe in his or their houses or els where, any crosse bowe hand gunne hagbut or demy hake, other wyse or in any other maner than is here after in this present acte declared, vpon payne to forfayt for euery tyme that he or they so offende contrary to this acte. xli.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, from after the said last day of June, shall shote in any kepe yle or haue in his house or els where any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of the length of one hole yerde, or any hagbut or demy hake, other than suche as shall

shalbe in the stocke & gun of the length of thre quarters of one yarde, vpon peyne to forsayt for euery tyme that he or they shal shote in cary vse or haue any suche gunne, beinge not of the length of one hole yarde, or hagbut or demy hake, beinge not of the length of thre quarters of a yarde. x.li. sterling. And that it shall be lausfull to euery person & persons, whiche haues landes tenementes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundreth poundes, as is aforesayde, to lease and take euery suche crossebowe, and also euery handgunne beinge in stocke & gunne shorter in length than one hole pard, and euery hagbutte and demy hake, beinge shorter in length than thre quarters of a yarde, or any of them, from the keepinge or possession of euery suche offender contrary to the forme of this act, and the same crossebowe or crossebowes to kepe and retayne to his or their owne vse. And also the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, so sealed and taken, within xx. dayes next after the same seisure or taking, to breake & dystroy, vpon peyne of xli. s. for euery gun so sealed and not broken and dystroyed, and the same so broken and dystroyed, to kepe and retayne to his or their owne vse.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no persō or persons, other thā such as haue landes tenementes rentes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundreth poundes, as is aforesaid, fro or after the said last day of June, shal cary or haue in his or their iourney, going or rydinge in the kynges hygh wayes, or els where, any crossebowe bent, or gunne charged or furnyshed with powder fyre or touche for y same, except it be in time & seruice of warre, vpon pain to forset for euery such offence. x.li. this present act, or any thing therein cōteined to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no persō or persons, from the sayde last day of June, shall in any wyse shote in or with any handgunne demy hake or hagbut at any thing at large, within any citie borough or market towne, nor within one quarter of a myle of any cytie borough or market towne, except it be at a butte or banke of erth in place conuenient, or for the defence of his person or house, vpon peyne to forfeite for euery suche shote. x.li. this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, shall from or after the sayd last day of June, commaunde any of his or their seruantes to shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, of his or their sayd maysters, or of any other persons, to any dere foule or other thyng, except it be onely at a butte or banke of erthe, or in the tyme of warre, as is aboue sayd, vpon peyne to forsayt for euery such offence. x.li. The one moytie of al whiche forfeitures and penalties in this present acte aboue specified, shall be to the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moytie therof to the partie that wyll sue for the same, by bylle playnte action of debt or information in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, in which suite no essoyr protection nor wager of lawe shall be allowed.



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**P**rouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull from hens forth to all gentylle menne women and seruyng men of euery lord or lordes spirituall or temporall, and of all knyghtes esquiers and gentylmen, and to all the inhabitantes of citie boroughes and market towne of this realme of Englande, to shote with any handgonne demy hake or hagbut at any butte or banke of erth, onely in place conuenient for the same, so that euery suche handgonne demy hake and hagbutte be of the seuerall lengthes aforesayd, & not vnder. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery of the sayd lord and lordes knyghtes esquiers and gentylmen, and the inhabitantes of euery citie borough and market towne, to haue & kepe in euery of their houses any suche handgonne or handgunnes of the length of one hole yerde, or any hagbut or demy hake of the length of thre quarters of a yerde, as is aforesayd, and not vnder, to the intent to vse and shote in the same at a butte or banke of erth only as is abouesayd, wherby they & euery of them by the exercise therof in forme abouesaid, may the better ayd and assyst to the defence of this realme, whan nede shal require, this present act or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**A**nd be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persones, which dwelleth and inhabiteth in any house, standyng and beinge set distant two furlonges from any citie borough or towne, to kepe and haue in his said house, for the onely defence of the same, handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, beinge of the seuerall lengthes aforesayde, and not vnder, and to vse and exercise to shote in the same at any butte or banke of erth nere to his house, and not otherwise: any thinge conteyned in this act to the contrary not withstandinge.

**A**nd furthermoze the kinges most louyng subiectes, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly do beseeche the kynges maiestie, that it be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all letters patentes fraternities and also all other placardes licences & byll assigned heretofore had made or signed by his hyghnes or by any other auctorised by his maiesties letters patentes vnder his great seale, to gyue lycence and placarde to shote in crossebowes and handgunnes or any of theym, shalbe from and after the sayd laste day of June, frustrate voyde and of none effect.

**A**nd also that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd statute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, and al other statutes heretofore made and prouided for the auoydyng and restreynt of shotyng in crossebowes and handgunnes or for any of them, or for the vsyng and keepyng of the same, be from hensforth vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

**P**rouyded alway, that euery processe suite or information conceyued comenled and now dependyng, for any offence done contrary to the fourme of the said statute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the kynges most noble reigne, or of any other statute, made prouided for and concernyng the shotyng in crosse

crossbowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keepyng of the same, shalbe as good and effectual to the parties that haue comended the same, & shall stande and be in such fourme effect degree and condition, as if this act had neuer be made.

**¶** Provided also, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtful or prejudicial to any person or persons, now being, or that here after shal be appoynted by the kynges highnes, to kepe receyue or take any crossbowes or handgunnes, that shall be forsaited or taken within the precincts or lybertie of the kynges forestes parkes or chales, but that the or they may lawfully kepe and reteyne the same crossbowes or handgunnes from tyme to tyme, vntill such tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalf be to every such person shewed and declared.

**¶** Provided also that this act extende not to the makers of crossbowes or handgunnes, but that they may lawfully kepe crossbowes & handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, only for prouyng and assayng of them at a butte or banke of erthe in the place convenient, and not otherwyle: so that the said handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes be of the senerall length in stocke and gunne, as is aboue lymitted.

**¶** Provided also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, extende not, or be prejudiciall to any marchantes, which haue or shall haue any crossbowes handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, or any of them, to sel with in this realme, and to none other yle: so that the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes be of the senerall length in gunne & stocke as is aboue lymitted, and not vnder.

**¶** Provided also, that no maner of persone runne in any daunger or take hurt by reason of any penaltie or forsaiture conteyned in this act, vntill suche tyme as proclamaciō be made of the same act, within the countie, where the partie, that shal or may offend contrary to this act, dwelleth, by the space of xx. dayes next after the making of the said proclamation.

**¶** Provided also that if any maner of person byng or cause to be brought with him into his lodgyng, or in or to any other mans house, any crossbow or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forsaiture, if any such be or here after shall be forsaited by reason of this acte, to runne and be onely vppon the bynger of the sayde crossbowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodgyng or house, yf the sayde owner of the sayde lodgyng or house, cause the bynger therof to take and to cary away the sayd crossbow or handgunne agayne with him at his departyng: Any thyng in this acte made to the contrary not withstandyng.

**¶** And be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, from or after the last day of June next comyng, see or fynd any person or persons offendyng or doing contrary to the forme and effect of this act, & than it shalbe lesul to every such person or persones, perceyving, finding, or seing any such person or persones so offendyng contrary to the forme of this acte, to arreste and attache every suche offender or



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offenders, and to byrnyng or conuey the same to the next iustice of the peace of the same countie, where the sayd offender or offenders shall be founde so offendynge. And that the same iustice of peace, vpon a due examination and prooffe therof befoze him had or made by his discretion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to sende or comitte the same offender or offenders to the nexte iayle, there to remayn tyl such tyme as the said penaltie or forfayture shall be truly contented and payd, by the sayd offender: The one moytie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kynges highnes, and the other moytie therof to the first byrnyng or conueyer of the sayde offender to the same iustice of peace.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that yf any person or persons do at any tyme hereafter obtaine get or purchase of the kynges maiestie, his heires or successours any placarde lycence or byll assigned, to shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake, contrary to the tenor purport and effect of this present act: that then there shall be contained in euery suche placarde lycence and byll assigned, at what beastes foules or other thinges the sayd person or persons so obtaynyng any such placarde lycence or byll assigned, shall shote at with any crossebowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake: or els that euery such placarde lycence and byll assigned hereafter to be obtayned gotten or purchased, shall be clerely voyde frustrate, and of none effecte. And also that euery suche person or persons so obtaynyng any such placarde lycence or byll assigned, befoze they shote in any suche crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake in any suche maner or fourme as shall be mentioned in any suche placard lycence or byll assigned, shall be bounden in the kynges court of Chaucery by recognisance in the summe of .xx. li. to the kynges vse, with and vpon condition, that he so obtaynyng or hauing the sayd lycence placarde or byll assigned shall not shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, at any other beastes or fowles, than in any suche placarde lycence or byll assigned shall be conteyned and specified, and els all suche placardes licences & bylles assigned so hereafter to be made to any person or persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the court of the Chauncery, as is aforesayde, to be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawful to al iustices of the peace in their sessions & to all stewardes and bailiffes in theyr leuerall letes and lawdayes, to enquire here and determine euery such offence, after the sayd last day of June, to be committed and done contrary to the tenor of this present act: so that always no lesse fyne than ten poundes be assessed vpon euery such presentment and conuiction, made according to the due courthe of the lawe, the same fyne so by the same Iustices of peace vpon euery such presentment and conuiction made befoze them in theyr sessions, to be payde and leuyed onely to the kynges vse: and the one moytie of euery fyne to be assessed by the stewardes or baylyffes of any lete or lawday, vpon euery presentment and conuiction befoze them to be made, to be payd and leuyed to the vse of the kyng our souerain lord: And of the other moytie the one halfe to the owner of the sayd lete or lawday by distresse or action of

of dette, and the other halfe of the same second moytie of the same fine, to be to the the partie that wyl pursue for the same: in any of the kynges courtes by byll playnt information or action of dette, in the whiche none effion protection nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

**¶** And be it further enacted, that yf any Jury beyng sworne and charged to enquire for the king our sowerayne lord, before any iustices of the peace or stewardes of letes or lawdays, of any offences committed or done contrary to this present acte, do wylfully concele any of the same offences, that than the sayd Justices stewardes or baillyffes, before whom any concelement shal be had and done, shal haue auctorite by vertue of this present act from tyme to tyme to charge and sweare an other Jury of. xii. or mo good and substantial honest persones, to enquire of euery such concelement. And yf any such concelement be founde and presented by the sayde Jurie so charged to enquire of the same, that than euery one of the sayde fyfte Jurie, that so dyd concele the same, shal lese and forsayte for euery such concelement of euery suche offence. xx. s. All whiche forsaytures and penalties of. xx. s. for euery such concelement of euery suche offence so founde and presented before the same Justices of peace, shal wholly be leuied and payde to the kynges vse. And the moytie of all the same forsaytures and penalties of. xx. s. so founde and presented before the stwarde or baillyffes of any lete or lawday, shalbe leuied and payd to the vse of the owner of the said lete or lawday by distresse or action of dette: and the other moytie therof to be to the partie or parties, that wyl sue for the same by action information byll or playnt in any of the kynges courtes, In the which actions informations bylles or playntes no wager of lawe effion nor protection shalbe allowed.

**¶** Provided always ad be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons hereafter in any part do offende or do contrary to the puruewe and remedy of this act, wher vpon cause of action for the same offence shal be gyuen to the kyng his heyres or successours, or to any other person or persones that wyl sue by vertue of this acte for the punishment of the sayd offence or forsaytes, that yf the kyng our sowerayne lord, his heyres or successours, within one yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences and forsaytes had and made, do not pursue theyr action or actions, so gyuen by this acte, or cause examination vpon such defaultes and offences to be had, and made, before theyr counsaile, or other presentementes therof to be had, accordyng to the meanyng of the same acte: And euery other person, which hereafter by vertue of this acte, maye haue action or actions suite or information vpon this statute, within halfe a yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences or forsaytes had and made, do not commence theyr suites information actions or presentementes of and vpon the sayde forsaytes by action or other wyse, as in this present acte is lymitted and declared: that than aswell the kyng our sowerayne lord his heyres and successours, after one yere next after suche offences and forsaytes hadde and made, yf noo suite in his or their name be taken by action or other wyse, as is before exprefsed



sed, before the same were ended and determined, as every other person after half a year next after like offences and forfeitures had and done in the fourme aforesayde, yf no suite therupon be taken by none of theim, in fourme a-boue declared, be utterly excluded and debarrred of their sayd suites actions informations and examinations to them gyven by vertue of this sayd act: and the parties and every of theim soo offendynge, shall be of all suche offences and forfeitures clerely discharged and quyte: any thyng in this act comprised to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this present acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wise extend: or be prejudiciall vnto the kynges subiectes resident or inhabytyng ne vnto the costes of the sea in any parte of this realme, they howles beinge not aboue fyue myles distant from the same costes: Nor also to any of the kynges sayde subiectes, inhabytyng within. xii. myles of the borders of Scotlande: Nor to any the kynges subiectes inhabytantes of the towne and marches of Calyce, Nor to any of the inhabytantes of the yles of Gernesey, Bernesey, Anglesey, and the Isles of Wycht and Man, but that it shall be lawfull for every of the sayde inhabytantes at all tymes here after, to haue, exercise, and vse theyr handgounnes, hagbuttes, and demye hakes, of the lengthes aboue sayde, within the lymyttes and Isles abouesayde, so that it be at no maner of deere, hearon, Houelarde, felaunte, partriche, wild swanne, or wylde elke, or any of them, this present acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided also that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any seruaunt or person, that hereafter from the sayde laste daye of June, shall beyde, beare carpe, charge, vse or assaye, any crossebowe or any handgounne, demye hake or hagbutte, of the lengthes abouesayde, by the commaundemente of his lord or maister, so that the sayd seruaunt or person do not shote at any foule, deere, or other game: of what kynde or nature so euer they be of: nor also to any suche seruaunt personne or personnes, that shall after the sayde laste daye of June, beare or conuey any crossebowe, handgounne, hagbutte, or demye hake, of the lengthes aforesayde, to any place or places by the commaundement of his lord or maister, that maye shote by auctoritie of this acte, to be amended, repayed, delyuered, or assayed, so that the sayde seruaunt or other personne, so byrnyng or conueyinge the sayde crossebowe handegounne hagbutte or demye hake, haue redye to shewe to every persone, requyrynge the syghte thereof, one lycence in wytyng sealed or subscribed by his sayde lord or maister, to carpe and conueye the same crossebowe, handegounne, hagbutte or demye hake, to the entente to be amended, repayed, assayed or delyuered, as is aforesayde.

**¶** Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to any owner of any shyppe, for hauyng or keepyng of any handegounne, hagbutte, or demye hake, of the seuerall lengthes in this acte

act expresse, or vnder, only to be had & occupied within any theyr shipp or other vessel, or for the cariage and recariage of them or any of them on land or keping of them, for the onely exercise and occupieng of them within their sayd shyppe or vessel: And thynge in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

**A**n acte concernynge the conueyance of brasse, laten, any bell metall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.



Here in the parliament holden at Westm, the thyrde day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraygne lord the kyng that now is, amongst other thynges it was enacted, that no persone or persons shulde from thensforth carye or conuey any brasse, copper, laten, bell metall, gunne metall, ne shroffe metal in to any parte or partes beyonde the sea, vpon payne of forfayture of the sayde metall, as by the sayde acte moze playnely appereth. By the the makynge of whiche, estatute dyuerse personnes, as well englyshe men as straungers, haue disceptefully opteyned lycences of the kynges hyghnes, to cary ouer bel metall, and other broken metall, surmisyng the same metalls not to be mete for makynge of gunnes, and other engynes of warre, nor for implementes necessarye for householde, whiche surmise is proued vntrewe, as the common experyence therof dayly declarerh: So that all other realmes and countreys be ful of artillery and munitions, and this realme lyke to lacke, if moze hasty remedy to stop the conueyance of the same be not further prouided then is in the same acte. Wherfore maye it please the kynges highnes, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same to enact, that no person nor persons from henceforth shall cary or conuey by water or other wyse, any brasse, copper, latten, bell metall, pan metall, gunne metall, nor shroffe metal, whether it be cleane or myxed (tyn and leade onely excepted) into any part beyond the sea, or into any outward realme or dominion, what so euer it be, vpon payne to forfayte the double value of the same metall so caryed and conueied, the one halfe therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other to the partie that wyl sue for the same by writt byll playnte or informacion, in the which the no essoyne or protection shall be allowed.

**A**nd further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, for the true meaning of this estatute, that the actuall discharge and deliuerie of the sayd metalles in any parties beyond the sea, or in any other forzen realme or dominion, shall be tried and determined within this reame, in suche county or place where the sayde metall or metalles were shipped or fyrste caryed, with lyke proces and determination as al other informations or actions be tried and adiudged within this realme, or as the same fact had ben done within this realme and dominion.

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**A**nd be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person nor persones at any tyme hereafter, shall shippe or cary any of the sayd metallles afoze reherfed, to cary or discharge the same in any parte of this realme, onelesse such person or persons befoze the shippinge therof do declare and manifeste vnto the customer of suche porte or crycke, where the same mettall shall be shypped, the true weyght of all such mettall as shall be shypped, and also shall make a sufficient obligation in the lawe, in the which he shall be bounden to the sayde customer to the kynges vse, in suche summe as shall amounte to the double value of the sayde mettall so declared and manifested, with condition, that the same shall be discharged at some porte or crycke within this realme, and in no other place, vpon paye to forsayte the same, in maner and fourme aboue reherfed. And that euery suche person or persons, that shall shyp suche metallles, and be and shall be bounden as is afoze sayd, shall within eyght monethes nexte after the shyping therof, bringe a true certificate from the customer of the porte crycke or place, where he or they shall happen to discharge the same mettall, testifieng that the same mettall so shypped, and the true weyghte therof, is there discharged: whiche certificate the customer of suche place, where the sayde mettall shall be discharged, shall vpon the discharge therof, make and deliuer to the partie so dischargynge, or to his factour without any delay.

**A**nd be it further enacted, that if any customer or his deputie, by couyn or by any other vndue meane, do make any false, or vntreue certificat concerninge the sayd dischargynge of suche mettall, contrary to the trewe meaninge of this acte, that then suche customer, so falsely or vntreuely certifieng, as is afozesayde, shall lose his office, and also the value of the goodes so conceled out of the sayde certificate.

**P**rouided alwaye that if the sayde mettall by tempeste of wether be drowned, or by enemies or pirates robbed and spoyled, and that sufficiently proued without fraude or couyn befoze the customer and comptroller, or theyr sufficient deputies, in the porte where the partie or parties so shypped the metallles afoze sayde or any of them, by the sayde partie or parties or theyr executours, that then he or they soo bringinge suche sufficient proufe, shall haue his obligation to hym deliuered, or elles he and his executours therof to be acquitted and clerely discharged, any thinge in this acte to the contrary conteyned not withstandinge.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie afozesayd, that this act shall only take his effect and be put in execution from and after the fyrst daye of April nexte comminge,

**A**n act agaynst coniurations, witchcraftes, sorcery,  
and enchauntmentes, Cap. viii,

**V**here byuerse and sondry persones vnlaufully haue deuised and practised inuocations and coniurations of spirites, pretendynge by suche meanes to vnderstande and gette knowledge for theyr owne lucre, in what

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what place treasure of golde and syluer shulde or mought be found or had in the erthe or other secrete places, and also haue vsed and occupied witchcraftes inchauntmentes & sozceries, to the dysstruction of theyr neighbours persons and goodes: And for execution of their said false deuises and practises haue made or caused to be made dyuers ymages and pyctures of men, women, chyldren, angels, or diuels, beastes or foules; and also haue made crownes, scepters, swoordes, rynges, glasses, and other thynges: And gyuyng faythe and credit to suche fantasticall practises, haue dygged by and pulled downe an infinite number of crosles within this realme, and taken vpon them to declare and tell where thynges lost or stolen shuld be become, which thynges can not be vsed and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes lawe, hurte and damage of the kynges subiectes, and losse of the soules of such offendours to the great dyshonour of god, infamy and dysquietnes of the realme. For refozation wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, after the fyrste day of Maye nexte commynge, vse deuyle practise or exercise, or cause to be vsed deuiled practised or exercised any inuocations or coniurations of spirites witchcraftes enchauntmentes or sozceries, to thintente to get or synde money or treasure, or to waste consume or destroye any person in his body members or goodes, or to prouoke any person to vnlawful loue, or for any other vnlawfull entent or purpose, or by occasion or colour of suche thynges, or any of them, or for despite of Christe, or for lucre of money, dyg by or pull downe any crosse or crosles, or by such inuocations or coniurations of spirites witchcraftes enchauntementes or sozcery, or any of them, take vpon them to tell or declare where goodes stolen or losse shal be come: That then all and euery suche offence and offences, from the sayd fyrst daye of Maye nexte commynge, shalbe demed and adiudged felony: And that all and euery person and persones offendinge as is aboue sayde, theyr counsaylours abettours and procurers and euery of them, from the sayd fyrste daye of Maye, shall be demed accepted and adiudged a felon and felones. And the offender and offenders contrary to this acte, beinge therof lawfully conuicted befoze suche as shall haue power and auctorite to here and determyne felonies, shall haue and suffer suche peynes of deathe, losse and forfaytures of theyr landes tenementes goodes and catall, as in cases of felony by the courte of the comon lawes of this realme, and also shall lose priuilege of clerge and sanctuary.

**An acte for the maintenance of artillery, debarring**  
**vnlawfull games: Cap. ix.**

**M**ost humbly complaynyng we vnto your highnes your  
 dayly oratours the bowyers, fletchers, stringers and whol  
 headde makers of this your realme, that where for the abualice  
 ment and maintenance of archery, the better to be maintey-  
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ned and had within the same, and for the auoyding of diuers and many vn-  
 lefull games and playes, occupied and practysed within this realme, to the  
 great hurte and let of shotyng and archery, dyuers good and lausfull statu-  
 tes haue ben dryed enacted & made, amongst which one was made in a  
 parliamēt holdē at Westm, in the thyrde yere of your most gracious reigne,  
 and the same act made perpetual in the parlyament there holden, in the. vi.  
 yere of your sayd raygne, the whiche good and laudable acte not withstan-  
 dyng dyuers and many subtil inuentatiue and crafty persons; intending  
 to defraude the same estatutes lythens the makynge therof, haue found and  
 dayly fynd many and sondry new and crafty games and playes, as logating  
 in the fieldes. lyde thyrft, other wyse called shoure grote, as well within the  
 city of London as elles where in many other and dyuers parties of this re-  
 aline, keepynge houses playes and aleyes for the maintenaunce thereof by rea-  
 son wherof archery is sore decayed; and dayly is lyke to be moze and moze  
 minished, and dyuers bowyers and fletchers, for lacke of woike, gone and  
 inhabit them selues in Scotland and other places out of this realme, there  
 workynge and teachynge their science to the puillace of the same, to the gret  
 comforte of esttrañgers, and detriment of this realme. And where also your  
 graces subiectes, bowyers fletchers and other artificers afore named from  
 tyme to tyme resorte repayre and come out of all places of this your realme  
 vnto the city of London, for lacke of liuinge, and do inhabit nigh the same  
 city, or in the suburbes of the same city, and in stretes & lanes of the same  
 city, beynge no free men of the same city, nor bearyng nother foot lod nor o-  
 ther charges within your said city, as other citizens and fre men of the same  
 city do and are bound to do, and by theyr othes are sworne to do, and which  
 citizens and free men of your sayde city of the mysteries and craftes before  
 reherfed, whiche haue ben brought up as prentises from theyr youth, dwel-  
 lynge within the fredome of your sayd city of London, are alwayes in redy-  
 nes to furnyshe your graces affayres whan they shalbe commaunded: By  
 reason of the whiche resorte and abode of suche foreynnes and straungers, of  
 the mysteries and craftes before reherfed in the suburbes stretes and lanes  
 of the same city, other cities townes villages & places within this realme,  
 remaine and be vnfurnished of artificers and craftes men before reherfed,  
 to the great decay of the archery of this realme. And for so moch as it appe-  
 reth by the preamble of the sayd estatute, enacted the sayd thyrde yere, which  
 was establisshed and made perpetual in the sayd. vi. yere of your most  
 gracious reigne, that your highnes, callynge to your most noble and graci-  
 ous remembraunce, that by the feate and exercyse of the subiectes of this your  
 realme, in shotyng to longe bowes, there hath continually growen and ben  
 within the same great number and multitude of good archers, whiche hath  
 not onely defended this realme, and the subiectes therof agaynst the cruell  
 malice and daungier of theyr outwarde ennemys in tyme heretofore passe,  
 but also with litle number & puillance, in togethers, haue done many no-  
 table actes and discomfytures of warre, agaynst the infidels and other, and  
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furthermore subdued and reduced diuers and many regions and contrées to theyr due obeysance, to the greate honour fame and suertie of this realme and subiectes, and to the terrible drede and feare of al strange nations, any thyng to attempt or do to the hurt or damage of them or any of theym: yet neuer the lesse archerye, and shotinge in longe bowes, was lyttell vsed, but dayely byd minishe decaye and abate more and more, for that moche partie of the commualtie and pooze people of the realme, wherby of olde tyme the great number and substaunce of archers hath growen and multiplied, were not of power or ability to bye them longe bowes of rwe, to exercise shotypinge in the same, and to susteyne the continuall charge therof, and also by meanes and occasion of custonable blage of tennys, play boules, cloishe and other vnlauffull games prohybite by many good and beneficiall estatutes, by auctoritie of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impouertishment hath ensued, and many heynous murders robberies and felonies were committed and done, and also the diuine seruice by suche mysdoers on holy and festiuall dayes not harde or solemnised, to the highe displeasure of almighty god, as by the foresayde preamble more playnly maye appere. It maye therfore be enacted by your hyghnes the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that euerye man, beyng the kynges subiecte, not lame decrepitt nor maymed, nor haupnge any other lauffull or reasonable cause or impediment, beyng within the age of. lx. yeres (excepte spirituall men, iustices of the one bench and of the other, iustices of the assise, and barons of the Exchequer) shall from the feaste of Pentecoste nexte commynge vnto and after euerye shotyping in longe bowes, and also haue a bowe and arrowes redy continually in his house to vse hym selfe and to vse him selfe in shotyping: And also the father gouernours and rulers of suche as be of tender age, do teache and byngge by them in the knowledge of the same shotyping: And that euerye man, haupnge a man chyld or men chyldren in his house, shall prouide or drewe and haue in his house, for euery man chyld, beyng of the age of. vii. yeres and aboue, tyll he shall come to the age of. xii. yeres, a bowe and two shafte, to induce and lerne them and byngge them by in shotyping, and shall deliuer al the same bowe & arrowes to the same yonge man, to vse and occupye. And yf the same yonge man be seruagntes, that then the maisters shall abbate the money, that they shal paye for the same bowes and arrowes of theyr wages. And after all suche yonge men shall come to the age of. xii. yeres, euerye of them shall prouide and haue a bowe, and. iii. arrowes continually for him selfe at his proper costes and charges: or els of the gyfte or prouision of his frendes, and vse and occupye the same in shotyping, as is before reherced. And yf the maister suffer any of his seruantes, taking wages, beyng in his houtholde and vnder the age of. xii. yeres, or the father suffer any of his sunnes, beyng in his houtholde, and vnder the age of. xii. yeres, to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the forme of this statute, by the quate of one monethe together: then the mayster or father, in whome



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in whom suche negligens shall be, shall for every suche default forsayt. vii. s. viii. d. And that euerye seruaunte, passynge the age of. xvii. yeres, and vnder the age of. lx. yeres, and takynge wages, whyche can oꝝ is able to shote, and shall lacke a bowe and. iiii. arrowes, by the space of one monethe together, shall for euerye suche defeaute forseyte and lose. vii. s. viii. d.

**C**Be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no man, vnder the age of. xxi. yeres, shall shote at any standynge pycke, excepte it be for a rouer, wherat he shall chaunge at euery shote his marke, vpon payne for euery shote doyng the contrary. iiii. d. And that no other person aboue the sayde age of. xxi. yeres, shall shote at any marke of. xi. scoꝝe yardes oꝝ vnder, with any pycke shaft oꝝ flight, vnder the payne to forsayt for euery shote. vii. s. viii. d. And that no persone, vnder the age of. xvii. yeres, excepte he oꝝ his father oꝝ mother haue landes oꝝ tenementes to the yerely value of. x. li. oꝝ be worth in mouables the summe of. xl. markes sterlyng: shall shote in any bowe of elme whiche shall be boughte for hym after the feast of the purification of our lady nexte commynge, vnder the payne to lose and forseyte. vii. s. viii. d. And also that buttes be made on this tyde the feast of sayncte Myghell the archangell next commynge, in euery cytie towne and place by the inhabitantes of euery suche citie towne and place, accoꝝdyng to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitantes and dwellers in euerye of them be compelled to make & continue suche buttes, vpon payne to forsayte for euerye thre monethes so lackynge. x. s. And that the sayd inhabitantes shall exercyse themselves with longe bowes in shotyng at the same, and els where, in holy dayes & other tymes coueniente. **A**nd to thentent that euery person maye haue bowes of meane pꝛyce, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery bowyer, dwelling oute of the cytie and suburbs of London, shall after the sayd feast of the purification of our lady nexte commynge, for euery bowe that he maketh of elme, make. iiii. other bowes mete to shote in, of elme, whiche, hysyll, ashe, oꝝ other woode apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and forsayt for euerye suche bowe so lackynge. iiii. s. iiii. d. And euery bowyer, dwelling within the sayd cytie & suburbs of London, shall after the sayd feast of the purification of our lady nexte commynge, for euerye bowe of elme that he shall make, shall also make two other bowes apte for shotyng, of ashe, elme, wylle, hysyll oꝝ other woode mete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forsayture.

**A**nd be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no bowyer shall sell any bowe of elme, for any persone, beyng betwene the age of. vii. yeres, and. xxi. yeres, aboue the pꝛyce of. xii. d. And that the same bowyers shall haue bowes of elme of all pꝛices from. vi. d. the piere, to. xii. d. the piere, for yowthe betwene the sayde ages of. vii. yeres and. xxi. yeres. And likewise haue bowes of elme for yowthe betwene the age of. xxi. yeres and. xli. yeres, and shall sell the same at reasonable pꝛices. And moꝝe ouer that no bowyer shall sell or put to sale to any the kynges subiectes, any bowe of elme of the type called elke, aboue the pꝛyce of. iiii. s. iiii. d. vnder the payne to forsayte

cl. s. for every bowe solde to the contrary, above the sayd pryce of lxx. s. as appereth by a statute made in p. xxi. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the iii. the fourth chapiter. And that all bowe staves of ewe, her after to be brought into this realme shall be solde open and not in bundells nor close, to the intente the byers of them maye haue perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them, and gyue the better pryce for them, if they be so worthe.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that fletcheres of London, & the suburbes of the same may at theyr libertie sell seasonable tymber to euery fletcher of the countrey, without fallynge into any penaltie or daungier to any of theyr wardens for so doing, & that all ordinaunces & other lawes made or to be made by theyr wardens, or other wyse to the contrary, shall be from henceforth clerely frustrate and voyde.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the bowyers, fletcheres stringers and arrowhead makers, repayng & resortynge vnto the sayd city or the suburbes of the same, and there makynge theyr dwelling or abydinge, beyng not free men of the sayd city, bearyng nother scot nor lot within the sayd city shall at all tymes, by the appoyntement of poure graces most honorable counsaile, the lord Chauncellour of England, for the tyme beyng, the lord treasurer, or the lord priuie seale, or one of them, go & inhabit suche cyties boroughes and townes, as be destitute of suche artificers, and there to exercise occupy and practyse theyr sayde craftes and faculties for the mayntenaunce of artyllery and archery. And yf any suche person, to whome warnynge shall be so gyuen by the kynges most honorable counsel, the lord Chauncellour, the lord treasurer, or the lord priuie seale, as is aforesayd, to departe vnto other townes or places of the sayd realme of Englande, from the sayd city of London, the suburbes stretes lanes and places nere the same refuse to accomplyshe the same, that then he or they so refusynge, shall forfayte for euery daye that he shall make his abode contrary to this acte. cl. s.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no straunger borne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, not beyng denysen, shall conuey or do to be conueyed gyue sell or exchaunge into any parties out of the kynges obeyssaunce, any longe bowes arrowes or shaftes, without the kynges specyall lycence, vppon payne of forfayture of the same where so euer they shall be taken, or the value therof, within the kynges power, and vppon payne of emprisonmente without bayle or maynprie, vnto suche tyme he or they so beyng in ward, haue made a reasonable fyne to the kyng for his or theyr offences, afore the Iustices of peace, or ii. of them in theyr sessyons in the same countie, where he or they shall be committed to ward, or fynde sufficient suertie for the payment of the same fyne. And that no maner of persone, not beyng borne within the kynges obeyssaunce, not made denizen, vse within the kynges obeyssaunce shotyng with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vppon payne of forfayture suche bowes arrowes and shaftes as they shall be founden so shotyng with: and euery of the kynges subiectes maye haue auctoritie to take and seple the same forfaytures to his owne vse. And that the

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Justices of assise of gayle delpuerpe, iustices of peace, and shewardes of franchises leetes & lawdales, haue power to enquire of all the premisses in theyr sessions, leetes, and lawdales, and here and determine the same, and also by theyr discretion, examine all persons, lackynge and not hauynge bowes shaftes and arrowes accoꝝdyng to the fourme aforesayde.

**¶** Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons, of what degre qualitie or condition so euer he or they be, from the feast of the natiuitie of sayncte John Baptist now next commynge, by hym selfe factour deputie seruante or other person, shal for his or theyr gayne lurre or liuyng, kepe haue holde occuppe exercyse or mayntayne any comyn house aley or place of boulyng cōtyng clothe caples halfe boule tennis dylyng table or cardyng, or any other maner of game prohiby by any estatute heretofore made, or any vnlaful newe game now inuented or made, or any other new vnlaful game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vpon payne to forseyt and pay for euery daye, keepynge hauynge or maynteynyng, or sufferynge any such game to be had kepte executed played or maynteyned within any such house gardeyne aley or other place, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute. xl.s. And also euery person, vsyng and hauynge any of the sayd houses and playes, and there playynge, to forsayte for euery tyme so doyng. vi.s. viii.d. And if any person hereafter sue for any placard, to haue common gamynge in his house, contrary to this estatute, that then it shal be conteyned in the same placard, what game shalbe vsed in the same house, and what persons shal playe therat, and euery placarde graunted to the contrary, to be voyde: and also that the partie opteyning any suche placarde, befoze he put the same in execution, shal be bound with sufficient suerties with hym by recognisaunce in the Chauncery in a certayn summe, to be appoynted by the discretion of the lord Chauncellour of Englande, that he shal not vse the sayde placarde contrary to the fourme therof.

**¶** Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe leaful to al and euery the iustices of peace in euery shyre, mayres shyryffes baylyffes and other head offycers, within euery city town and borough within this realme, from tyme to tyme, as well within liberties as without, as nede & case shal requyre, to come enter and resoꝝte into al and euery houses places and alleys where suche games shalbe suspected to be holden exercised vsed or occupied contrary to the fourme of this estatute, and as wel the keepers of the same, as also the persones there hauntyng resoꝝtyng and playenge, to take arrest and emprison, and them so taken and arrested, to kepe in prysone vnto suche tyme as the keepers & maynteyners of the sayd plays and games haue founde suerties to the kynges vse, to be bound by recognisance or otherwyse no lenger to vse kepe or occupy any suche house playe game aley or place: & also that the persons there so founde be in lyke case bounden by them selves, or els with suerties, by the discretion of the Justices mayres shyryffes baylyffes or other heade offycers, no moze to play haunt or exercyse from thense forth, in at or to any of the sayde places, or at any of the sayd games.

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Also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid that the mayres thyriffes baylyffes constables and other head officers, within euery cite, borough and towne, within this realme, where any suche officers shal fortune to be, as well within the fraunchyses as withoute, shall make deuie serche wekely, or at the furthest at all tymes hereafter ones euery moneth, in all places where any suche houses aleys playes or places shall be suspected to be had kepte and maynteyned. And if the sayd mayres thyriffes baylyffes constables or other head officers within theyr cities boroughes and townes as well within fraunchyses as without, do not make due serche at the furthest ones euery moneth, if the case so requyre, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, and do not execute the same in all thynges accordyng to the purpose and force of the same, that then euery suche mayre thyriffes baylyffes constable or other head officer, to paye and forsaite for euery moneth, not makynge suche serche, nor executyng the same. xl.s.

Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no maner of artificer or crafter man of any handycraft or occupation, husbände man, apprentice labourer seruaunte at husbandy, iourney man or seruant of artificer, mayners fyshermen watermen or any seruyng man, shal from the sayd feast of the Natyuite of sainte Iohn Baptyste, playe at the tables tenys dyre cardes boules clothe corynyge logatyng, or any other vnlawfulle game, out of Christmas, vnder the peyne of. xx.s. to be forseyte for euery tyme, and in Christmas to playe at any of the sayd games in theyr maisters houses, or in theyr maisters ptesence. And also that no maner of person shal at any tyme playe at any boules or boules in open places out of his gardeyn or orchard, vnder the peyne for euery tyme so offendyng to forseyte. vi.s. viii.s. And that all Justices of peace mayres baylyffes thyriffes and all other head officers, and euery of them, fyndyng or knowyng any maner person or persones, vsyng or exercysyng any vnlawful games, contrary to this present estatute, shall haue fulle power and auctorite to comynge euery suche offender to warde, there to remayne without bayle or maynpysse, vntyll suche tyme that they so offendyng, be bounden by obligation to the kynges vle, in suche summes of money, as by the discretion of the sayde iudices mayres baylyffes or other head officers, shall be thoughte reasonable, that they or any of them shall not from thenseforth, vse suche vnlawful games.

Be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all other statutes made for the restraint of vnlawful games, or for the mayntenance of archery as touchyng the penalties or forsaitures of the same, shall be from hens forth vtterly voyde. And that all informations playntes actions or suites that shall be taken or sued vpon any part of this estatute, shall be commenced within the yere after the offence committed and done, or otherwise no aduantage or suite therof to be taken. And where any suche forsaitures shall happen to be founde within the precinct of any fraunchyse leete or lauday, then the lord of the same fraunchyse leete or lauday, to haue the one moytie therof, and the other moytie thereof to any of the kynges subiectes that wyll

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sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes, by action information byll or other wyse, in whiche action or suite the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor esloyn shall be allowed: And where suche forspytur shall be founden out of the precincte of any franchise lete or latwape, that the moztie of all suche forspyturs shall be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moztie thereof to any the kynges subiectes that will sue for the same, by byll poynt action information or other wyse in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche suite or action the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or esloyn shall be allowed.

¶ And to the intente that every persone maye have knowledge of this acte and avoyde the daungers and penalties of the same, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all mayors baylyffes shypffes and all other head officers, shall foure tymes in the yere, that is to saye, everye quarter ones, make open proclamation of this present acte in every markette to be holden within theyr severall iuris dictiones and auctorities. And also that the Justices of gaole deliverte, assyses, and Justices of peace, doo cause the same to be proclaimed in theyr severall circuits and sessions before theym holden, and that this estatute shall begyn to take his effecte, concerning the penalties of the same, from the sayd feast of sayncte John Baptist now next commynge, and to contynue and endure for ever.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any personne or persones have taken by lease, whether it be by word, wytyng, or other wyse, any house alep or place, wherein any suche unlafulle game now is, and at the tyme of such lease made was used, that than everye suche lease shall at the libertie of hym or them, to whome suche lease is made, theyr executours administratours or assignes, from the sayd feast of the Nativite of saint John Baptiste, be utterly voyde, excepte it be for breach of couenauntes or agreementes, or payement of rente due or to be due at the sayd feast, or any tyme before, so that than at the same feast, or within one moneth next after the same, the sayde lessee give knowledge to suche lessour or lessours, theyr heyres or assignes, that he wille noo longer occupie the same, and that than it shall be lafull to the inherytour lessour or owner thereof, or to his heyres or assignes, in the same house alep or place to reenter.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lafull for every mayster to lycence his or theyr servauntes, to playe at cardes dyse or tables with theyr sayde mayster, or with any other gentylman repayng to theyr sayd mayster, openly in his or theyr howse, or in his or theyr presence, accordynge to his or theyr discretion. And that it shall be lesfull to everye suche servaunte, for every tyme so beyng commanded or lycenced by his sayde mayster, as is aforesayde, to playe at cardes dyse or tables with his sayd mayster or other gentylman, so to hym repayng, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Promised also and be enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull to every nobleman and other, havinge manerous landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, for to take in his owne righte, with his owne righte, to the value of a hundred pounde, by labour, to this maner, appoynted by him by his owne discretion, this or they, servants or family of his or they, howse or howses, for to playe within the precincts of his or they, howses, gardenes, or orchardes, or cardes, dyce, tables, bowles, or tennis, as well amongstes theyr selves as other repairyngs to the same howse or howses. And that they soo playenge by commandement appoyntement or licence, as is aforesayde, shall not incurre any damages or penaltie conteyned in this acte for the same this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Pounded also and be enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all informations, actions and suites, now dependyng in any of the kynges courtis, for or concernyng any penaltie or forfeiture conteyned in any of the sayde statutes by this acte repealed, and no iudgement therein yet gyven, the same informations, actions and suites shal be remayne and stande as good and effect all in the lawe, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had never be had ne made, and thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ An act concernyng the execution of certayne statutes. Cap. x.

**E** As moche as before this tyme dyvers and sondry good lawes, statutes, prouisions, and ordinaunces haue bene made by the kynges maiesty our naturall soueraygne lord and other his most noble progenitours for the increas and advancement of the publyke and common welth of this realme of Englande, and of his hyghnes subiectes of the same, amongst which some special notable and profitable lawes, statutes, ordinaunces and prouisions be very requysite, conuenient, and expedient for the same comon welth duely and diligently to be put in daily exercise and execution: And suche as haue bene and be auctorysed to put in due and full executione suche special and notable lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces, and to correcte and punyssh the infringers, and contemners therof, in such wyse as is tympied by the same, hath ben very remisse and negligent in doyng, theyr willes, to the great detriment hurt and preiudice of the comon welth, for reformation wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and singuler the iustices of peace within any thye cite borough or place within this realme of Englande, wales, or any other the kynges dominions, shall perely at the generall sessions of the peace to be holden next after the



the feast of Easter, assemble them selves together, that is to say, every number of them within the limites of their commissions; wherein they be named Justices of peace, and at and upon such their assemble, shall diligently together amongst them selves peruse examine study, and knowe the effectes and true ententes of the lawes statutes ordinaunces and provisions hereafter specified: that is to say, the lawes and statutes heretofore made and provided concerninge or in any wise touching, vacaboundes, replevours, givinge liveries signes tokens or badges, mayntenance, imbracery, botassares, and archery, unlawfull games, foxtallers, and regatours, vitall butlers and inholders and every of them, and of al statutes and lawes made in this present parliament, touching the same or any of them, and after the perusinge and deliberate understandinge of the sayde lawes statutes and ordinaunces, they shall deuyse amongst them selves, howe the same maye be best put in due and iuste execution: And for the better procedynge therein, they shall deuyde and sever them selves, lymytting and assignyng alwayes the numbre of two of them at the least or more, into hundredes wapentakes rapes commoties or number of townes and villages by their discretions. And that the said Justices so deuyded, or two of them at the least, shal for every quarter of the yere from and after the said feast of Easter next comynge, holde and kepe within the lymytes of their diuision, one sessions besyde the generall quarter sessions for the peace, the sayd one sessions to be kepte and holden alwayes within the limittes of their diuision, at and in one such day as by them shalbe appoynted, so that it be alwayes fyve wykes at the leaste before the quarter sessions. And that al procelle and procedinges in every of the sayd sessions so to be holden, shalbe continued from sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or two of them at the least, at and in every such sessions, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, as well by the othes of xi. men, inhabitants within the lymytes of their diuision, as by any information gyven to them by any persone or persones of all defaultes offences and contemptes done or committed, or hereafter to be done or committed against the forme of any of the statutes aforesaid, & to here and determine the same, and shall also haue power and auctoritie, upon any presentement or information touching the premises, or any of them, to make procelle by Writte fac. one Capias, & an exigent vnder the seales of the same Justices or two of them, against every such person and persones, against whom any such information or presentment shall be had for their apperaunce afore them in their sessions to be holden as is aforesaid, to answer to such information or presentment as shalbe there had or made. And if the person or persons accused by information or presentment, shalbe convict upon any such information or presentment by confession or herdit of xi. men, that then the said Justices of peace, or two of them, afore whom such conviction shalbe had, shall haue power and auctorite to gyve iudgement against every such offender and offenders so convict, of such paynes by imprisonment, or such paynes losses and forfaytures of money or bothe, or any of them, as are limited

in the sayde fouerall statutes for suche offences, wherof they shall be so conuicted, and cause execution thereof to be made and had accordingly. And also the sayde Justices of peace or two of them, at and in their sayd sessions to be holden as is aforesayde, shall haue power and auctoritie to correcte and reforme the panelles of iuries for any iniquities to be made afoze them touching the sayd statutes or any of them, in lyke maner and fourme as iustices of Gaole deliuerie and of peace may do in their sessions, by vertue of a statute therof made in the thyrde yere of oure moost dread soueraygne lord the kynges reygne that now is: and that the Shyreffe and other ministers hauing power to retorne panelles, shall make his and their retournes, according to suche reformation and correction of the Justices aforesayd, bypon the payne lymitted by the same statute.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or personnes be conuicted as is aforesayde, by any information afoze the sayde iustices or two of them, within the lymytes of their diuision: that than the moztie of the paynes losses and forfaytures of money of the offendours so conuicted, shalbe to the kynges maiesties vse, and the other moztie thereof to the partie that pursueth such information, according to the tenour and effecte of the sayde seuerall statutes. And if any conuiction be had by reason or bypon any presentment, that than the kynges maiestie shall haue the hole paynes fynes and forfaytures of the offendours, all which paynes fynes losses and forfaytures of money to be due to the kyng, by reason of any conuiction, as is aforesayde, together with all yssues fynes and amerciamentes afoze the sayde iustices within the lymittes of their diuision, shall be leuped by the Shyreffe or his ministers, by a scedule indented to be made betwene suche iustices or two of them, afoze whome suche paynes losses and forfaytures, fynes, yssues and amerciamentes shall be losse and forfayte, and the sayde Shyreffe, the one parte of whiche scedule shall be certified by the sayde Justices or two of them yerely in the terme of saynct Michael, into the kynges eschequer, to the intent that the Shyreffe shall there answer the same to the kynges vse.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery of the sayd iustices of peace shal haue for holding of euery of their said sessions, as is aforesayde, .iiii. s. for their costes: and the clerke of the sessions by them to be appoynted, for the makynge and writynge of the proccesse and extractes of the sessions for euery sessions, .ii. s. to be payde by the handes of the Shyreffe, of the kynges parte and portion of the paynes losses and forfaytures, and of the yssues fynes and amerciamentes aforesayde.

¶ Provided alwayes that Justices of peace in cities boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng Shyres or counttes of them selues, shall assemble ones in the yere with the iustices of peace of the Shyre, where suche cyties boroughes or townes corporate be, and shall be lymitted to execute this acte within the cytie borough or towne corporate, where they shalbe iustices of peace, and not els where.

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¶ Provided also, that no information or presentment shall be had or taken by the sayde Justices of peace, so deuided by auctoritie of this acte, but for suche offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shall be done within the lymittes of theyr diuysion.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd Justices of peace so deuided, or two of them within the lymittes of theyr diuysion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to examine inqyre here and determine by information and tryall, as is aforesayd, all defaultes & contemptes, whyche after the feast of the natiuitie of our lord nexte commynge, shall be done or committed by any seruauntes, commonly called yeomen or groomes, husbandmen labourers and artifycers or any of theym, agaynste the tenoure fourme and effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessiue apparell, and to correcte and punyssh the offendours therein, beyng therof conuicte afoze them, as is aforesayd, accor dyng to suche peynes forfaitures and punysshmentes as is limytted by the sayde lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuyed payde and certified as is aforesayde.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that as well the Justices of assyse, as the Justices of Chester, and the kynges Justices of Northwales and Southwales, in all & syngular theyr circuites, shall haue full auctoritie and power by the force of this present acte, to enqyre as wel by information as by presentment before them, of the defaultes contemptes omysions neglygences fauours affections corruptions and other thynges what so euer they shall be, of al and syngular the sayd iustices of peace, which shall not diligently truely and duely se put & cause the sayd good lawes statutes ordynaunces and prouisions to be put in vze exercise & perfecte execution accor dyng to the effectes, as well of the sayd statutes heretofore made, as of this present act, and to here examyne and determyne the same, as is aforesayd, and to assesse suche fynes vpon the sayd iustices of peace and vpon euerye of them, beyng conuicte of any defaultes neglygences and offences, as is aforesayd, as to theyr discretion shall be thought expedient for the qualite and quantite of theyr offences.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al Myzesses bailiffes constables, hedboroughes, and all and syngular other offycers & ministers, what so euer, as well within libertie as without, shall be attendaunt aydyng and assystyng to all and syngular the sayde Justices of peace, in and for the due execution of this acte, vppon peyne to make suche fynes as by the sayde iustices of peace or two of theym, shall be assessed to the kynges vse by theyr discretions.

¶ Provided alwayes that this statute shall not bynde any iustice of peace or of Quorum, to assemble or execute any thinge in this acte, or in any other Myze citie borough or place then in suche Myze citie borough or place, where he shall be resident and dwellynge at the tyme when suche assemble shall be made by vertue of this acte.

¶ Provided also that suche lordes and other, whyche beyng iustice of peace

or Quorum, be or shalbe of the kynges pryncipall counsaile, attendant vpon his royall person, or any pryncipall officer of his highnes house, attendaunt vpon his office, and other whiche shall happen to be occupied in his highnes seruice, by his maiesties commandement, shall not be compellyd to assemble with the iustices of peace or Quorum, in any shyre, cytie or borough, or otherwys bounden to do or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, than they be bounde to do afore the making of this act, any thyng or thinges conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that the iustices of eyther benche, barons of the kynges eschequer, the kynges attorney and sollicitour, and all other iustices officers and ministers, beyng bounden to attende at the termes, shall not duringe theyr suche attendaunce, be compellyd to hold or kepe any sessions in the lymittes deuידed to them, vpon the assemblies of the iustices of peace as is aforesayde.

¶ And to thintent that the sayd iustices barons and all other officers and ministers aforesayde, may the better be ones in the yere at euery assemble aforesayd, It is therfore ordeyned by auctoritie of this acte, that the quarter sessions, holden after Easter, shall be yerely kept vpon the twelveday nexte after Nowsonday in euery shyre of this realme, Wales, and other the kynges domynions.

¶ Provided alwaye that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned shall not in any wyse extende to the countie Palantyne of Hereford, within the countie of Northumberland, ne to the countie Palantyne of Ely, within the countie of Cambridge, nor to any towne corporate or libertie within eyther of the sayde countie palantynes, hauyng iustices of peace, for or concerninge the extractyng returnyng certifyenge or leuenge of any pssues synes forsaytures amerciaimentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any person or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the sayde countie palantynes or eyther of them, or within any towne corporate, situate and beyng within eyther of the sayde countie palantynes: but that the same issues synes forsaytures amerciaimentes and penalties & euery of them, may be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued, from tyme to tyme hereafter in suche maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them, haue ben vsed to be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued at any tyme befoze the making of this act, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued; yf this sayde acte hadde neuer ben had or made, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that iustices of the peace within any shyre of this realme of Englande and Wales, shall not be compellyd by vertue of this acte to assemble them selves for the execution of this acte for this present yere, befoze the nexte generall assises to be holden within euery suche county, befoze the feast of saynt Michell the archangell nexte comyng, but that they and euery of theym shall be compellyd



compelled upon lyke payne, mencioned in this acte, to assemble them selves at the sayd generall assises for the execution of the same, for this present p[re]sently, accordyng to the purposse tenour and trewe meaninge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaye, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the countie Palantyne and Duchye of Lancaster, or any towne corporate within the same countie Palantyne and duchy, haupng iustices of the peace, for or concernyng the extracting retournyng certifiyng or leuyng of any yssues fines forsaithures amerciamentes or penalties, to be taxed or assessed upon any persone or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the sayde countie palantyne and duchy of Lancaster, or townes corporate parcell of the same duchy, by vertue of this acte, but that the same yssues fines forsaithures amerciamentes and penalties shal and maye be extracted returned certified or leuyed from tyme to tyme in suche maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as they haue vsed to be extracted returned certified and leuyed at any tyme before the makinge of this acte, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaye, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all yssues, fines, amerciamentes, and forsaithures, rylsinge and growyng by vertue of this present acte, within any of the severall liberties franchises or temporall iurisdiccions, whiche bene severally appoynted and assigned to the surueye order and gouernaunce of the kynge oure soueraygne lordes senetall courtes of the augmentations of the revenues of his crowne, and of the generall Burueypours of the kynges landes, shalbe claymed & allowed and also collected and leuyed by the kynges bayliffes or other officers of the same liberties franchises & iurisdiccions for the tyme beynge, and shal be severally answered to the kyng in the same severall courtes after and accordyng to such sort and order as other yssues fines amerciamentes and forsaithures within the same severall liberties franchises and iurisdiccions at this present tyme bene or ought to be claymed allowed and answered, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaye and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the iustices of peace in every of the shires in Southwalles and Northwalles, and countie palantyne of Chester, accordyng to their limitation shal and may certifie al the streytes by them to be made in maner and forme as is aforesayde, to & afoze such chamberlayne or chamberlaynes, chauncellour or chauncellours, auditour or auditours, in suche place or places as by the kynges maiestie is or hereafter shal be appoynted or assigned for herpyng and determinyng of the shireffes accomptes, in every of the sayd shires in Wales, or countie Palantyne aforesayde, any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alwaye, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extend to the countie Palantyne and county of Merchaunt, or to any

any towne corporate within the same countie palantyne or countie, hauinge iustices of peace, for and concerning the extracting retournyng certifieng or leuynge of any pssues fynes forsaftures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any persone or persones, in any sessions to be holden within the sayd county palantyne or county of Durham, or within any towne corporate, lytuate and beyng within epyther p sayd county palantyne or county, but that the same pssues fynes forsaftures amerciamentes or penalties and euery of them, may be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued from tyme to tyme hereafter, in suche maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euerye of them haue ben bled to be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, at any tyme befoze the makynge of this acte, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, yf this sayd act had neuer ben had or made: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to the Barons and inhabitauntes of or within the linke portes or their members, or to any of them, to compel or constrain them or any of them to assemble theym selves wyth any the Justices of the peace, out of theyr sayde portes or members and the liberties of the same, or for or concerning the estretynge of fynes pssues forsaftures and amerciamentes to be set lost or assessed by vertue of this acte within the liberties aforesayde: but that they and euery of them shall and may assemble them selves togethers at suche place and places, within theyr liberties, for the executynge of this acte, as to them shalbe thought most couenient, and to diuide them selves after suche fassion as they shall thyncke best and most requisite for the executynge of this estatute in this acte mentioned: And may and shall take suche fynes pssues forsaftures and amerciamentes, and euery of them as shall be sette lost and assessed by vertue of this acte, in suche maner and fourme, and to suche vses purposes and intentes, as they or any of theym lawfully shulde myghte or oughte to haue hadde befoze the makynge of this acte, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alwaye, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, be not at any tyme hereafter in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to any persone or persones, bodies polityke or corporate, to theyr heyres or successours, or to the heyres or successours of any of theym, for or concerning any theyr lawfull rightes titles interestes or claymes, of in or to any maner of pssues fynes amerciamentes penalties or other forsaftures, in any wyse to be assessed loste or forsafted, befoze any iustices of peace at theyr sessions hereafter to be holden or kepte in any shieres, citie, borough, or towne corporate within this realme of Englande, by vertue or auctorite of this acte: but that euerye suche personne or persones, bodies polityke and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, or the heyres and successours of euerye of theym, and theyr lawfull deputies in suche behalfe, shall and may at all tymes hereafter,



after assesse, take, extracte, retourne, lewie, clayme, haue, and enioye all manner suche pssues, fynes, amerciamentes, forsaitures, and other penalities and euerye of theym, to all suche bles and purposes, and in lyke maner and fourme in euerye behalfe, as they oꝝ any of theym haue laufully bled to doo and haue, oꝝ myght haue doone and had, at any tyme before the makinge of this presente acte, by vertue of any graunte to theym oꝝ any of them heretofore made oꝝ graunted, oꝝ otherwyle by vertue of anye custome oꝝ lawfull vsage thereof heretofore vlyd in euery behalfe, this acte oꝝ any thing therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**C**his acte to continue to the later ende of the nexte parlyament.

**A**n Acte for bouchers to sell at theyr libertie by weyghte oꝝ otherwyle. Cap. xi.



**A**ll yowr humble wyle shewen vnto your highnes the wardeyns maysters and felowshyp of bouchers of your cite of London, and all other the bouchers within this your realme of Englande; that where in your parliament holden at Westm by pꝛogacion the. xxiij. yere of your mooste noble reigne, it was enacted ordeyned and establyshed by your maiestie, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in the sayde parliament then assembled, and by auctoritie of the same parlyament, that euery person, which shuld sell by him self oꝝ any other the carcaises of biefes porke mutton oꝝ beale, oꝝ any parte oꝝ parcell thereof, after the fyrste dape of Auguste then nexte ensuyng, shulde sell the same by lesull weyghte called haberdepoyes, and none other wyle, the sayde flesshe to be cut out in reasonable ptes, accoꝝyng to the request of the byer, in lyke falcion as afore that tyme was vlyd without fraude oꝝ couyne, and that euerye persone whiche by hym selfe oꝝ any other, shoulde sell any flesshe of the sayde carcaises, shulde haue with him where he shulde make sale of the sayde flesshe, sufficient beame scales and weyghtes sealed, called haberdepoyes, for true seruyng of the byers. And that after the sayde fyrste dape of Auguste no persone noꝝ persons take oꝝ cause to be taken for any pound weyght of flesshe of the carcaises of biese oꝝ porke, by hym oꝝ theym to be solde, aboue the pꝛyce of oone halfpenny, noꝝ for any pounce weyght of flesshe of the carcaises of mutton oꝝ beale, aboue the pꝛyce of oone halfpenny and halfe ferthyng, without decept oꝝ couyn, vpon payne to forsaite for euerye pounce not solde by weyght, oꝝ aboue the sayde pꝛyce lymitted, and for euery defaute done contrarye to the true meanynge of the sayde acte. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moytie thereof to be to your highnes, and the other moytie to the partie that wyl sue for the same by bill playnte oꝝ information; in whiche suite none esloyne wager of lawe noꝝ protection shulde be allowed. The heades neckes inwardes portenaunces legges noꝝ feete to be accompted as parte of the carcaises afore sayd, but suche to be solde by a lower pꝛyce, as by the sayde acte among other thinges moꝝe

more playnly appereth, whiche acte was in all thynges by your sayde oratours well duely iustely and truly executed, accordyng to the tenour and purporte of the same, vntyll your graces parliament holden at Westm, by prorogation the .xxv. yere of your most noble reygne, at whiche tyme it was then and there, for and vpon dyuers good causes and considerations, enacted ordeyned and establisshed, that from the .xii. daye of Aprill, the yere of our lord god. M. D. xxxvi. vntyll the .xxiii. daye of Aprill, whiche shulde be and was in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xl. all bouchers, and other sellynge fleshe by retayle, maye lefullye kyll and sell all maner helde porke mutton and beale, beyng good and holosome for mannes bodie, at theyr pleasures and liberties, as frely and liberallye as theyr or any of them dyd or myght haue done at any tyme befoze the sayde estatute, made the .xxiii. yere of your most noble reygne, and also befoze another estatute concerning the same, made the .xxv. yere of your most noble reygne, without any losse payne imprisonment forfayture or penaltie to be by them or any of them, or the succellours of them or any of them, had lost bozne or susteyned in that behalf, durynge the tyme befoze reherfed, the same estatutes or any of them to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge. And that the same estatutes & eyther of them, and euery clause sentence & article in them or eyther of them conteyned, shulde be in suspence and not put in execution durynge the same tyme, as by the sayd act made the sayd .xxv. yere of your most noble reygne among other thynges more playnely appereth: which actes befoze reherfed, concernynge the sellynge of fleshe by weyght, as is afoze sayd, yf they shulde hereafter be put in execution, and your sayd oratours compelled to sell fleshe by weyght, accordyng to the purporte tenour and effecte of the sayde estatute, made the .xxiii. yere of your most noble reygne, shulde be to the bitter vndoyng of your sayde oratours for euer. It may therfoze please your maiestie, that it maye be by your hyghnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeyned establisshed and enacted, that the sayde estatutes made in the .xxiii. and .xxv. yere of your most noble reygne, maye be repelled, adnichilated, made frustrate, and voyde agaynst your oratours, and al other your subiectes. And that it may from henceforth be lefull vnto all your sayde subiectes to sell theyr bytayles from tyme to tyme by them selves theyr wyues and seruantes, to all maner of persones that wyl bye the same, in lyke maner and fourme as they myght haue done befoze the makynge of the sayde estatutes or any of them, without any danger payne penaltie or forfeyture to be hadde for the same, any thyng in the sayd estatutes or any of them contayned to the contrary not withstandinge.



An Acte for murther and malicious bloudshed  
within the court. Cap. xii.



Whiche treasons mysprissions of treasons murders man-  
slaughters & other malicious strikinges, by reason whereof  
bloud is or shalbe shedde agaynst the kynges peace, ben of-  
ten & many tymes done and committed within the lymittes  
of þe kynges palace or hous, or other house or houses, where  
and whan his maiestie is there demurrant and abydyng in  
his owne moste royall persone, whiche offences whan they be done, be best  
known by his hyghnes officers and mynysters of his moost honourable  
householde, and by his maiesties seruantes in his Chequer roll: And yf his  
maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his pallace or house, or other  
house or houses, where suche offences were done, befoze the tryal and deter-  
mination therof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tryed herde  
and determined by and befoze the sayde officers, but be remytted to be tried  
and determined by the order of the common lawes of this realme, by reason  
wherof the punysshment of the said offendours in such cases, hath ben longe  
delayed, and sometyme theyr offences forgotten and not remembred, and so  
escape unpunysed. Be it therfoze enacted by the king our souerayne lord,  
with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in  
this pzeent parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that al  
treasons, mysprissions of treasons, murders, manslaughters, bloudshedes  
and other malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is or shalbe shed  
agaynst the kynges peace, which hath ben done syns the feast of all sayntes  
last past, or hereafter shall be done within any the palaces or houses of his  
hyghnes or his heires, or any other house or houses, at suche tyme as his  
maiestie hath ben, syns the said feast of all sayntes, or hereafter shall happen  
to be than demurrant or abydyng in his royal person, shalbe from hensforth  
enquired of tried herde and determined within any the kynges palaces or  
houses, or other house or houses, where his maiestie or his heires shall here  
after repayze vnto, or be abydyng, in maner and fourme folowynge: That  
is to say, befoze the lord great maister, or lord steward for the tyme beyng  
of the kynges moste honourable householde, and of his heires & successours:  
And in the absense of the sayd lord great maister, or lord steward of house  
holde, befoze þe treasurer and comptroller for the tyme being of the kynges  
most honorable householde, and of his heires and successours, and steward  
of the Marchalley for þe tyme beyng or two of them, wherof the steward of  
the Marchalley for þe tyme beyng, to be one, by vertue of their offices, with-  
out any commission or other auctoritie or power, other then by the auctoritie  
of this pzeent act to be gyven vnto them or any of them, which steward of  
þe Marchalley shall be for euer from tyme to tyme assygned and appoynted  
by wytyng vnder the seale of the sayde lord great Maister or lord Ste-  
warde for the tyme beyng. And whether the kynges maiestie or his heires  
hath.

hathe, or at any tyme hereafter shall be remoued from the pallace, house or houses, where suche offences were or shall be done, or not remoued before they be enquired of tryed harde and determined: yet suche offences shall by the auctoritie of this acte, alwayes from henceforth be enquired of tryed hard and determined before the kynges maiesties and his heyes officers & ministers of householde before named, or two of theym, as is aboue sayd, by the inquisition and verdict of his highnes and his heyes household seruantes, in his and theys Chequer rolle, in maner and forme as before and hereafter is expessed in this presente acte, and at suche pallace house or houses, where his maiestie or his heyes shall be at any tyme hereafter demurrant or abydyng. And that al suche retournes of proces, and all executions & iudgements concernynge the premysse, shall be had and done by the officers, before and hereafter expessed, and in maner and fourme as before and hereafter in this present acte is conteyned. And that all inquisitions vpon the vieu of persons slayne, or hereafter to be slayne within any the kynges sayd pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesayd, shall be by auctoritie of this acte had and taken hereafter for euer, by the coroner for the tyme beinge of the household of our soueraygne lord the kyng or his heyes, with out any adioynynge or assysting of any other coroner of any shyre within this realme, by the othe of twelue or mo of the yomen officers of the kynges and his heyes moost honorable household, retourned by the two clarkes Comptrollers, the clarkes of the cheque, and clarkes marshalles, or one of them for the tyme beinge of the sayde household, to whom the sayde coroner of the same household shall directe his precepte, whiche coroner of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges household, shall be from tyme to tyme named appointed and assigned by the sayde lord great mayster or lord Steward for the tyme beinge, and that the sayde coroner of the sayd household shall from tyme to tyme for euer without delay, certifie vnder his seale, and the seales of suche persons as shall be so swozne before hym, all suche inquisitions indictmentes and offices vpon the vieu of all deade bodies beinge slayne at any tyme sythe the feaste of all sayntes aforesayde, or which hereafter shall be slayne within any the kynges sayd Pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesayde, before the sayde lord greute maister or lord Steward, & in his absence before the tresorier comptroller and Steward of the Marchalsey aforesayde, or before two of them, wherof the sayde Steward of the marchalsey to be one: and that suche inquisitions and offices so certified, shall be demed adiudged and taken for euer as good and effectuell in the lawe, to all intentes constructions & purposes, as any inquisitiō taken vpon the vieu of the body of any person beinge dead, by any coroner of any countie of this realme, hath ben or shall be adiudged or taken.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde two clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Cheque, and clarkes marshalles for the tyme beinge of the kynges sayde household, and of his heyes, or one of them for euer, bpō a precepte to them or to any of them hereafter to be made

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by the sayd lord great master or lord steward, or in the absence of the sayd lord great master or lord steward, by the sayd Treasurer and Comptroller of the kynges most honourable household, and the sayd steward of the Marchalshay, or by two of them, wherof the sayd steward of the Marchalshay, to be one, shall haue full power to summon warne and retourne the names of. xliiii. persons, beyng yemen officers of the kynges sayd household, and of his heyres in the sayde Chequer roll, to inquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughteres and other malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynste the kynges peace, before the sayd lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence before the sayd Treasurer Comptroller and steward of the Marchalshay, or before two of them at the least wherof the steward to be one. And that it shall be lausfull to the sayd lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence to the sayd treasurer comptroller and the sayde steward aforesayde, or two of them, wherof the sayde steward to be one, before whome suche retournes shall be so made, as is aforesayde, to cause suche number of the sayde. xliiii. persons so retourned aboue the number of. xli. persones, as to hym or them shall seme expedient, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughteres, and other malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynste the kynges peace within the sayd pallaces or houses, or other the sayde house or houses, sithe the sayd feast of all Mayntes, or at any tyme hereafter shall be commytted or doone within the sayd pallace or houses, or other the sayd house or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the sayd iury, so swozne before them as is aforesayde, or by inquisition before the sayde coroner of the sayde household, and certified before the sayd lord great master or lord steward, or in the absence of the sayd lord great master or lord steward, before the sayde treasurer comptroller and steward, or before two of them, wherof the sayde steward to be one, as is aforesayd: that then immediately without delaye the sayde lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence the sayd treasurer comptroller and steward, or two of them, wherof the sayde steward to be one, before whom the said presentment inquisition or indictment shall so be founde or certified by the sayd coroner of the same household, shall arrayne before them all and euery such person and persons so indicted, according to the course of the common lawe of this realme, and forth with after issue ioyned betwene the kyng our soueraine lord, his heyres or successors and the prisoner so arrayned, the same day and place or any other day and place, at the pleasure of the sayde lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence at the pleasure of the sayde treasurer comptroller and steward of the marchalshay, or two of them, as is aforesayd, shall make an other precept to the sayd clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the cheke and clarkes marshalles for the tyme being of the sayde household, or to one of them, to summon and retourne one other iury of. xliiii. persons, to appeare before the said lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence before the sayd treasurer

fourer Comptroller and steward of the Marchalsey, or befoze two of them, wherof the same steward to be one, at suche daye tyme and place, and vpon suche peyne as shall be then limited and appoynted, of the seruantes and gentylmen officers of the kynges chamber, his heyres and successours, and of the sayd household, whiche nowe take or hereafter shall take wages by the kynges Chequer roll. And that the sayd lord graunde maister or lord Steward (yf he be there present) or in his absence the sayd tresorer Comptroller and Steward of the sayd Marchalsey, or two of them, wherof the same Steward to be one, befoze whome suche iury shall be so returned, shall cause xii. of the same iury to be sworn without any maner of chalenge to be had or allowed for any maner of cause, to any of the sayd iury (malice onely excepted) truly to try betwene our sayd soueraigne lord the kinge and his heyres, and suche persone and persons, as shall be so indicted and arraigned of suche treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughterers, and other malitious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agens the kynges peace, or of any of them. And yf any suche persone or persons, so indicted and arraigned, be founde gylty of any treason misprision of treason murders or manslaughterers: that than all and euerye suche persone and persons, so founde gylty, shall haue iudgement of lyfe and member, and suffer suche peynes of death, and shall forseyt all theyr manours landes teneementes goodes and cattails, in lyke maner and forme as if the same persone and persons had ben founde gylty of any the sayde offences by the order of the common lawes of this realme, without allowyng to any such person or persons so found gylty of any the same offences, the benefyt of his or theyr clergy, or priuilege of any sanctuarie. And yf any persone or persones so arraigned, be founde gylty for malitious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is hath ben or shall be shedde agens the kynges peace, within the sayd pallace or house, or any other house, or any other the said house or houses: that than euerye suche person and persons shall from hensforth haue iudgement by the sayd lord great master or lord steward (yf he be present) and in his absence by the other befoze named, befoze whome suche persone or persons shall be so found gylty, to haue his right hand stryke of, befoze the said lord great master or lord steward (yf he be there present) and in his absence befoze the sayd tresorer comptroller & steward of the marchalsey, or two of them at the least wherof the said steward to be one, and at such place and tyme as he or they, befoze whom suche person and persons shall be so found gylty, shall appoint execution to be done, and the same executio to be done by such person as the sayd lord great master or lord steward (yf he be there present) and in his absence as the sayde Tresourer Comptroller and Steward of the Marchalsey, or two of them, wherof the steward to be one, shall name or appoint, and also shall haue iudgement to haue perpetual imprisonment during his lyfe, and shall paye fyne and raunsome at the kynges maiesties pleasure his heyres and successours.

¶ And for the further declaration of the solemne and dewe circumstance



stance of the execution apperteynyng and of longe tyme vsed and accustomed, to a for suche malitious strykynge, by reason wherof bloude is hathen ben or hereafter shalbe shed agaynst the kynges peace: It is therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sergeant or chiefe surgion for the tyme being, or his deputie of the kynges householde, his heires and successours, shalbe redy at the place and tyme of execution, as shal be appoynted, as is aforesayde, to seare the stompe, whan the hand is so stryken of: And the sergeant of the pantry for the tyme being of the sayd householde, or his deputie, shalbe also than and there redy to gyue bread to the partie, that shal haue his hande so stryken of: And the sergeant of the sellar for the tyme being of the same householde, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy with a pot of redde wyne, to gyue the same partie drynke, after his hande is so stryken of and the stumpe seared: And the sergeant of the Chyrr for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy with clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupy aboute the same execution: And the yoman of the chaundry for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be than and there, and haue in redynesse seared clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: And the mayster coke for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be than and there redy, and bynge with him a dresyng knyfe, and shal delyuer the same knyfe at the place of execution, to the serieant of the larder for the tyme being of the same household, or to his deputie, who shalbe also then and there redy, and holde vpright the sayd dresyng knyfe tyll executiō be done: And the serieant of the pultry, for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal be also than and there ready with a cocke in his hande redy for the surgeon to wzap aboute the same stumpe, whan the hande shalbe so stryken of. And the yoman of the Scullary for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, to be also than and there redy, and prepare and make at the place of executiō a fyre of coles, and there to make ready searynge yrons, agaynst the sayde surgeon or his deputy shal occupy the same: And the serieant or chief ferrouer, for the tyme being of the same household or his deputy, shal be also then and there ready, and bynng with hym the searynge yrons, and delyuer the same to the same sergeant or chiefe surgion, or to his deputy whan they be hotte: And the grome of the salcery for the tyme being of the same household or his deputy, shalbe also than and there redy with vineger and cold water, and giue attendance vnto the sayde surgeon or his deputy, vntyll the same execution be done: And the serieaunt of the wood yard for the tyme being of the same household or his deputy, shal bynge to the sayde place of execution a blocke with a betyll a staple and cordes to bynde the sayd hande vpon the blocke while execution is in doyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that yf any person or persons so indicted of treason misprision of treason murther manslaughter or other malitious strykynge, by reason wherof bloud is hathen ben or shal be shed agaynst the kynges peace, as is aforesayde, and therof be arraigned, and

g obstinately refuse to answer directly to the same offences, wherof he or they be so indicted, or if suche person or persons soo indicted and arraigned, stande muet, and wyl not speake, then such person and persons so refusinge to answer or standynge muet, shall be conuicte iudged and deined gilty of the thyng, wherof he or they is or shalbe so indicted and arrayned, and shall haue iudgemente to haue lyke peynes of death: and other peynes punyshmentes executions forseitures losses and seysures of landes tenementes goodes and cattalles for the same, as he or they oughte or shulde haue had for suche lykes offences, yf or they were or shulde be founde gilty therof by the verdicte of xii. men.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde clerkes comptrolles, clerkes of the cheque, and clerkes marshalles, or one of them for the tyme beyng, shal from tyme to tyme name assigne and appoynt a crier to make proclamations, and to call the iuries, and to do other thynges as becometh a crier of a court to do, belongynge to that offyce.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that this acte befoze reherled, concernynge malicious strikynge, by reason wherof bloude is hath ben or shall be shed agaynst the kinges peace, ne the peynes and forsaitures befoze reherled for the punyshmente of the same, shall not in any wyse extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other persone or personnes, that shall happen to strike his or theyr seruantes within the sayde pallaces or house, or any other house or houses aforesayde, or within the lymittes of the same, with his or theyr handes or fyfles, or with any smalle staffe or stycke, for correction and punyshment for any offences comytted and done, or to be comytted and done, ne to any of the kynges officers or seruantes, that shall strike any persone within the same pallaces or house, or any other house or houses afoze sayde, although by reason of the sayd stroke or strokes there happen to be any bloud shed of suche persone, as shall so be stricken, excepte the persone so stricken do dye of the same stroke within one yere nexte after the same stroke soo gyven.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the tryall of peeres of this realme for comyttynge or doyng any offences in this acte befoze mencioned, shall be as it hath ben vsed in tymes past, any thyngs in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also that the lybertie and iurisdiction of the marshalsey courte and circuite of the birge, shall be in all poyntes priuileges and auctorities vsed by the ministers and officers of the same, in as full and as ample manner as it hath ben heretofore laufully vsed, for murthers, felonies, offences, and al trespasses contractes and other luytes what so euer they be, any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And for as moche as befoze this tyme one Richard Staunert of Lincolnes ynne gentelman, was commaunded and appointed by the kinges maieste to occupy the offyce of the Coroner of his sayd house, by force wherof he hath continued officer in the same by the space of xvi. yeres or moze: Be it enacted



enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde Richard Stauerton shal haue occupy and enioy the sayd office of Coroner durynge his lyfe, together with all suche profyttes and commodities as befoze this tyme haue ben due and apperteynyng in any wise to the same. And after his deceasse the sayde Coroner alwayes to be made assigned and appoynted by the sayd lord greaie maister or lord steward for the tyme beyng.

And for that hereafter it myghte be doubted, howe far the lymyttes and boundes of the sayde house or houses shoulde extende or be taken, within whych lymyttes or boundes any the sayd offences, whiche haue ben committed or done, sith the sayde feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter shal be committed or done, for the which all and euerye persone and persons so offendynge, shulde haue and suffer the peynes penalties and forsaitures, as is aforesayde: for playne declaration therof, and for the aduoydinge of all doubttes and questions, which may hereafter happen to arysse of for or vpon the same. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the lymyttes and boundes of the sayd house and houses, within whych any the offences aforesayde, now committed or done sith the sayd feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter to be committed or done, shall be punished as is aforesayde, shall extende and be taken within these places ensuyng, and in none other, that is to saye: within any edyfices courtes places gardeynes or chyardes or howses, within the porters warde of any of the house or houses aboue reherfed, or within any gardeyns priuy walkes or chyardes tyltyardes woodyardes tennis playes cockefygthes boulyng aleys, nere adioyninge to any of the houses aboue reherfed, and beyng parte of the same, or within two hundred footes of the handarde of any outwarde gate or gates of any of the houses aboue reherfed commonly used for passage out or from any the house or houses aboue reherfed.

It is provided alwayes that this act shall not take effect or be put in execution tyll from and after the fyrste day of Maye nexte ensuyng, excepte onely for murders and manslaughters, for the whiche offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effect from the feast of all Sainctes last past, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the sayde acte.

It is provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte befoze reherfed concernynge malicious strykynge, by reason wherof bloud is hathen ben or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace, ne the peynes and forsaitures befoze reherfed for the punishment of the same, shal not in any wise extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other persone or persons, that shall happen to strike bys or theyr seruantes within the sayd pallaces or house, or any other house or houses, place or places aforesayd, or within the lymyttes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or sticke, for correction or punishment, for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and done, ne to any of the kynges officer or officers, that in executyng of his or theyr office shall strike any person and persons, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe

or stycke, or with any staffe commonly called a tye staffe within the same palace or hous or any other pallaces or houses or places aforesayd, ne to any other person or persons, that in doyng service at any triumphe or any other tyme of service by the kinges comendement, or of any his graces counsell, or other his graces head officers, shal happen for their executyng of their sayd service, to strike any persone or persons with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or stycke, or with any staffe commonly called a tye staffe, within the same palace or house, or any other pallaces or houses or place or places aforesayd, although by reason of the same stroke or strokes there happen to be any bloude shedde of suche person as shal be so striken, excepte the persone so stryken do die of the same stroke within one yere nexte after the stroke so gyven.

And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons shall from the first day of Apryl nexte coming, steale or feloniously take away any plate iewels or other goodes of our said souerayn lord the kyng his heires or successours kynges, of the valour of. xii. d. or above, or breke or enter into any the kynges houses, to thintent to steale any the kynges goodes bys heires or successours kynges, though his maiestie be absent, or any other house, while it shall fortune the same his maiestie to be lodged or abiding therein, every suche offence to be demed felony, and the persone or persons so offendyng, theyr abbetours, procurers, counsellours, and receytours, therof lawfully convicted, to suffer lyke penalties forfactures peynes of death, as appertayneth to felons, without hauynge the benefit of theyr clergy or sanctuary, and every suche offendour, beyng apprehended within the verge of the kynges house, to be arraigned and tryed by men of the countrey, as other offendours for offences done within the verge, befoze the steward of the sayde Marchalshere and other vnto hym associated, ar to be arraigned and tryed within the same precinct.

An Acte concernyng certayn lordeshippes translated from the county of Denbigh, to the countie of Flynt. Cap. xiii.



Where in the parliament holden at Westm in the. xxiij. yere of the reygne of oure souerayne lord kyng Henry the viii. that now is, It was amongst other enacted, that notwithstanding. viii. county dayes in one yere, and. ix. county dayes an other yere, were befoze that tyme holden and kepte within the county Palantine of Chester, befoze the Justicer of the same countie, that from that tyme furthward the sayde iusticer shulde holde and kepe but onely two sessions euerye yere within the same countie, the one wherof to be kept after Michaelmas, and the other after Ester. And that from thensforth all the sayde countie dayes shulde clerely cease and determine for ever, as by the same acte at large more playnely appereth. And so: as moche as within the same county Palantine it hath not ben used nor

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seene that the shyreffe of the same county hath kept any shyre court for determination of playntes, and callinge of exigendes, as is commonly vsed in other shyres of this realme, there was therfore neuer sithen the makinge of the sayde acte any exigende of felonye or other cause proclaymed within the sayd county, to the no lyttell hynderaunce of iustyce, and to the great boldenes of offendours. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kynge ourre souerayne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the shyreffe of the sayd countye for the tyme beyng, after the feast of Easter nexte commyng, shalbe bounde to kepe his shyre court in the shyre hall of the sayd county euery moneth for euer, for determinatiō of playntes and actions vnder. xl. s. and for proclamations and callinge of exigendes and other necessary causes, as is vsed in other shyres of this realme of Englande: And that. ii. heed coroners for the body of the sayde shyre, shal be electe and chosen by vertue of the kinges wytt, De coronatoze eligendo, to be awarded out of the elcheke of Chester, whiche coroners shalbe bound to syt with the sayde shyreffe at the sayde courtes, to grue iudgementes vpon vt-laries, and to do all other thynges as appertayneth.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde two sessions, in forme aforesayd to be holden within the sayde county, shal and may be holden at such tyme and tymes: as by the sayd iusticer or his deputy shalbe appoynted, as well befoze the sayde feastes of Easter and Mychaelmas as any other tyme, accorbynge as is most comonly vsed in other shyres of this realme, so alwayes open proclamation be therof made by the space of xv. days at the least, befoze the fyrst day of the keepyng of the same sessions. ¶ And where the lordeshypps townes and hamlettes of Hoppe and Allaph haue of olde tyme be reputed accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the countye of flynte, and soo haue bene continued vntyll now of late, that by an acte of parlamente, made in the. xxvii. yere of the reygne of ourre most dreadde soueraygne lord the kynges maiestie that now is, the same were assigned to the countye of Denbighe. And also where parcell of the parryshe of Hawarden is at this daye and of olde tyme hath ben, accepted, taken and vsed as part of the sayd countie of flynt, and the residue of the sayd parryshe of Hawarden is and alwayes hath ben without the pzeincte lymittes and iurisdiction of the same countye: Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as well the sayd lordshypps townes and hamlettes of Hope Allaph and the sayde hole parryshe of Hawarden, togpyther with the lordeshyppe of the same, as also the lordeshyppes townes and parryshes of Holdesdale, Weresorde, and Oseley, and all the landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes within the pzeincte and lymittes of the same, or any of theym, shal from hensforthe be reputed, accepted taken and adiudged to be within the sayde county of flynt, as a membze parte and parcell of the same countye of flynt, and not of nor within any other countye or shyre, any statute, or dy-nauunce, law, or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary therof in any wyse

wylle not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided alwayes that the inhabytauntes and tenauntes of the sayde lordeshyppes towne hamlettes and parishes of Hope, Wapsh, Woldesdale, Hereford, and Hawarden, shall paye theyr mylles and tallages, whanne and as ofte as the same shall be dewe, with the inhabytauntes of suche shyre or shyres as befoze tyme hath ben accustomed. And that the saide lordeshyppes of Hope, Woldesdale, Hereford, Wseley, and Hawarden, with the hole and entire parshe of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes within the precincte and lymyttes of the same, shall from hencefozthe be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Woldesdale in the countie of Flynte. And that the sayde lordeshyppe of Wapsh, with al the groundes landes tenementes and heredymentes within the precincte and lymyttes of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adjudged to be as parte and parcelle of the hundred of Ruthlande in the same countie.

**¶** An acte concernynge false prophecies vpon declaration of names armes or badges. Cap. xiiii.

**W**here dyuerse and sundry personnes makynge their foundation by prophesies, haue taken vppon them a knowledge as it were what shall become of theym, whiche beare in theyr armes cognysaunce or badge, fieldes, beastes, foules, or any other thyng or thynges, whiche hath ben vled or accustomed to be put in any of the same, or in and vpon the letters of theyr names haue dyuysed descanted and practised to make folke thynke that by theyr vnttrue gesses it myght be knowen, what good or euyl thynges shulde come happen or be done by or to suche persons, as bare and had suche armes badges or cognysaunces, or had suche letters in theyr names, to the great peryll and distruction of suche noble personages, of whom suche false prophecies hath or shulde hereafter be set fozthe, wherby in tymespast many noble men haue suffered, & (if theyr prynce wold giue any eare therto) might happe to do hereafter. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the kynges hyghnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the comons of this present parlyamēt, that if any person or persons print or wyte, or elles speake syngge or declare to any other person, of the kyng, or of any other person, after the fyrst day of July next commynge, any suche false prophecies vpon occasion of any armes fieldes beastes foules or other suche lyke thynges, accustomed in armes cognysaunces badges or sygnettes, or by reason of letters of the name of the kyng, or of any other persone, to thintent to set fozthe suche prophecies: that than euery suche offence shall be demed felony and the offendours therein, and theyr counsaylours and abettours and euery of them, beinge therof conuycte by the order of the common lawe, afoze suche as haue or shall haue power and auctoritte to here and determyne felonyes,



lonies, shall suffer suche paynes of death, for captures of landes tenementes goodes and cattalles, as in cases of felony at the common lawe is determined and appoynted, without privilege of clergie or sanctuary to be allowed to them or any of them.

**An acte touchynge the translation of the sanctuary from Manchester to Westchester. Cap. xv.**



Where at the parliament begun at Westm, the xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the xxxi. yere of our soueraygne lord the kynges moste noble and victorious reygne, and there continued by dyverse prorogations vnto the. xv. daye of Maye, in the. xxxii. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, and holden vnto the. xxiij. daye of July, in the sayd. xxxii. yere, at which day the sayd parliament was by his graces auctoritie fynished and ended. At whiche sayde parliament amongeste many other thynges by his highnes, withche assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester in the countie of Lanc. amongest other townes and places from thenforth shulde be admitted allowed and taken to be sanctuary, and a place of priuilege and tuition for terme of lyfe, of all and synghular offendours and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kynde or nature all and euery theyr offences be, for the whiche sayd offences and crimes the paynes and punishment of death shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other then suche as by and in the sayd acte of parliament be expessed and forpypled. And where the sayd towne of Manchester is and hath of longe tyme ben a towne well inhabited, and the kynges subiectes inhabitauntes of the same towne well set a worke in makynge of clothes, as well of linnen as of wollen, wherby the inhabitauntes of the sayde towne haue obteyned gotten and come vnto ryches and welthy luynges, and haue kepte and set manye artificers and poore folkes to worke within the sayd towne, & by reason of the great occupieng good order strypte and true dealynge of the inhabitauntes of the sayd towne, many strangers, as wel of Ireland as of other places within this realme, haue resorted to the sayde towne with linnen yarne, wolles, and other necessary wares for makynge of clothes, to be solde there, and haue vsed to credit and truste the poore inhabitantes of the same towne, whiche were not able and had not redy money to paye in hande for the sayde yarnes wolles & wares vnto suche tyme the sayd credites with theyr industry labour & paynes myght make clothes of the sayde wolles yarne and other necessary wares, and solde the same, to contente and paye theyr credytours, wherin hath consisted moche of the common welth of the sayd towne, & many poore folkes had luyng, and chyldren and seruantes there vertuously brought by in honest and true labour, out of all ydlenes. And for as moche as of necessitie the sayde linnen yarne muste lye without as well in the night as in

as in the daye continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, before it can be made clothe, and the wollen clothes there made must hange vppon the saynter, to be dyed before it can be dressed vp, and for the saulsegarde therof it is and shalbe expedient and necessary, that substantiall honest lustre true and credible persons be and shuld dwell in the sayd towne, and no manner of lyght persone or persons there to be inhabytauntes. And where also many straungers inhabytynge in other towneshypps and places, haue vbled customably to resort to the sayd towne of Manchester, with a great number of cottons, to be vttered & solde to the inhabitantes of the same towne, to the great profit of al the inhabitantes of the same, and thereby many poore people haue ben well set a worke, as wel with dressing & frysing of the sayd cottons, as with puttyng to sale the same. And forasmoch as dyuers lyght and euyll disposed persons, syns the makinge of the sayd statute, for certayn offences by thein commytted and done, haue nowe of late resorted and made theyr abode within the sayd towne of Manchester, and lyued in ydelnes, not alonly grynng euyll occasion to honest and true labourers and seruantes, within the sayd towne to lyue in suche sort of ydelnes, but also haue allured and entyled dyuers seruantes and labourers, within the sayd towne, to practise & vble vnlaufull games, wherby they haue consumed and myspeit their maisters goodes being in theyr handes, and ouer that syns the resort of the sayd persones to the sayde towne, there hath ben commytted and done dyuers thestes and felonies, as in felonious breakynge of walke mylles, and stealyng clothes thither brought to be fullyd, & also in stealyng of parn layd out to be whited, and in stealyng and cuttyng downe greate peaces of clothes from the seyntours, as well by nyght as by daye, to the great impoverishment of the owners therof, so that they be not able to kepe theyr credite with theyr sayd creditours, by reason wherof the sayd Jrythems and other, whiche heretofore haue vbled to bynge & sell theyr wolles yarne and other necessary wares for makinge of clothes, to the inhabitantes of the sayd towne, and to credite them for the payement therof, as before is expessed, do nowe withdraue them selues with theyr sayd wares, and wll not bynge nor selle the same wares in the sayde towne, nor to the inhabitantes therof, without ready payment in hande: and the sayde persones, whiche vbled to bynge thither the sayde cottons, do also withdraue the selues, whiche shall be to the better decay and desolation of the sayd towne within short tyme, if the sayde offendours and sayntuarie men and suche other, shall be suffered to make theyr abode within the sayd towne. And also forasmoch as the sayde towne of Manchester is not walled, wherby the sayde saintuarie men may by can saulself be kept in the nyght season, but that they may and doo continually escape out of the same towne by nyght, and commyt sundry greate robberies and felonies vpo the kynges lounys and obedyent subiectes, repaynyng to the same towne, and after theyr sayd felonies and robberies so commytted, may without any let of wall or forreffe enter into euery part and quarters of the same towne. And also for as moche as there is neyther

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Myrresse,



shireffe baylyffe noz other heade officer oz officers within the same towne, other than a shewarde beige officer immediately vnder the chiefe lord of the same towne, by reason wherof oz by whome the sayde sayntuary men might be the moze in drede oz better punysshed, after their saide robberyes oz euylle doinges, noz yet any pesson howse oz sayle saufely to kepe them in, after their sayde offences and euylle doinges. Wherfore be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assemblyd, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde former acte of parlyament, concernyng the priuilege sayntuary and tuition for the sayd offendours onely within the sayd towne of Manchester, shall and maye be from the feast of the Natiuite of saynt John Baptist next comynge, repelled, adnichilate, and made frutelesse. And the sayde towne of Manchester from the sayde feast of saynt John Baptist, shall be of lyke condition estate and qualitie discharged of the sayd sayntuary and priuilege, as the same towne was before the making of the sayd former acte, any thynge sentence clause oz article conteyned in the sayd former acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that it may be ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assemblyd, and by auctoritie of the same, that the cite of Westchester, in the countie of Chester, whiche is well inhabited, hauing no such trade of marchandise, and hathe a stronge sayle within the same cite for punysshment of malefactours, and also there is in the same cite a mayre, baylyffes and other head officers, amongst other townes and places frome henceforth may be admytted allowed and taken to be sayntuary and a place of priuilege and tuition for terme of lyfe of all and syngular offenders and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kynde and nature all and euery the sayde offences be, for the whiche sayde offences and exynges, the peynes and punysshment of deathe shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other than such as by and in the sayd acte of parlyament be expressed and formydd.

It is ordeyned alwayes, that this acte oz any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to repell adnichilate oz make voyde the sayde former acte of parlyament made in the sayd xxxii. yere of our sayd soueraygne lord the kynge, concernyng any sayntuary oz priuileged places, lympytted in the sayde former acte, other than onely the sayde towne of Manchester.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the constables of the sayde towne of Manchester, for the tyme beyng, to byng and alloriate with them, twenty of the inhabitantes of the same towne by their discretions shall haue the saufe conduction leadyng and byngyng of al sayntuary men, now or hereafter before the feast of the Natiuite of saynt John Baptist next comynge, beyng in the sayde towne, to conducta leadyng & saufe byng from the sayde towne of Manchester, to the sayd cite of Westchester, there to remaine as sayntuary men, and to be deliuered to the mayre

mayre and shyreffes of the sayd cite of westchester, by indenture to be made betwene the foresayde constables and the sayde mayre ad shyreffes there for the tyme being, in whych indentures shalbe compysed ad specified the names of all suche sayntuarpe persones, as shall be so deliuered: and that the sayde sayntuarpe persones and euery of them, shall be in all places meane betwene Manchester and Westchester, in the tyme of theyr sayde conduction leadynge and byngng from Manchester to Westchester, as they and euery of them had ben & remained sayntuarpe persones in Manchester foresayde.

**¶** Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf hereafter vppon any reasonable matter or cause, it shal appere to the kynges maiestie by information or otherwyle, that the sayde cite of Chester is not mete to be sayntuarpe, nor for a place of pryvilege and tution for the sayde offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of theyr conditions: that than it shall be lawfull to the kynges hyghnes, by his graces proclamation, to extinct and determyne the sayd sayntuarpe with in the sayde cite of Chester, and clerely to dyscharge the same cite therof: ad ther vpon to appoynt or depns and make one other towne or place to be sayntuarpe, and a place of pryvilege and tution for the sayde offendours and malefactours, any thyng in this acte contepned to the contrarpe not withstandynge.

**¶** An acte for woystede parne in Northfolke. Cap. xvi.



**¶** **W** H E R E A S for the moost parte in all the shyres ad counties of this realme of Englande there be and haue bene certayne priuate commodities, growynge and cospynge onely within the sayde shyres or counties, by the whiche onely commodyties polypthekely prouyded for and contynewed, the cyties and townes within the sayde shyres and counties, and the inhabitants of the same, be and haue ben without any foreyne ayde or succour plenteously and welthpily kept maynteyned defended and preserved: al whiche comodities by the dysceyte and subtyll practyses, as well of marchantes straungers as of dyuers other couetous and euill conscioned persones, haue ben and be many tymes clerely destroyed and subuerted, to the great losse ad decay as well of the sayde citiees and townes, within euery suche shyre and counties, as of the inhabitants in the same: Amonges the which said citiees townes shyres and counties, haunyng priuate commodities, the cite of Northfolke and dyuers other, and many townes in the countie of Northfolke, hath ben alwayes heretofore kepte preserved and maynteyned, and the poore men ad other dwellers and inhabitants in the same, godly honestly and vertyuously brought vp occupied and exersed, by a commoditie growynge and cospynge onely within the sayd county, that is to say, by the makynge and weauynge of woystedes and other clothes, which hath ben made ad wouen of the parne callid woystede parne, spounne of the woulle growynge and cospynge of the

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shyre



shepe bred onely within the countie of Norfolk, and in no place els where.  
 And for as moche as the sayd commoditie of makynge and weaynynge of wo-  
 rstedes, within the sayd cite of Norwich and countie of Norfolk, by the  
 dysceite and crafty practyses of the great multitude of regratours ad byers  
 of the sayde yarne, callyd worstede yarne, is holly decayed and taken awaye  
 from the sayd dwellers and inhabitauntes in the sayd cite and countie, that  
 is to saye, in that that the sayde regratours do bye the sayde yarne by smalle  
 parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by lytell and lytel boughte  
 a great quantitie of the same yarne, do not cause it to be wouen or otherwile  
 wroughte in the sayd cite or countie, but do sell seide and cary awaye the same  
 yarne out of this realme of Englande, into Fraunce Flaunders, and suche  
 other lyke places beyonde the sea, where with the sayd yarne, strangers not  
 being boine vnder the kynges dominyons, do make and weaue sayes, tussel  
 les worsted, and dyuers and sundrye other clothes and thynges, the whiche  
 after they haue so made and wouen, the sayde strangers doo sell agayne to  
 vs Englyshmen within this sayd realme of Englande, to thei great pryncesse  
 lucre and aduantage, and to the clere decay and destruction of the sayd com-  
 moditie, by reason wherof the said cite of Norwich, and other the sayd tow-  
 nes in the sayd countie of Norfolk, are not only most likely to be brought to ve-  
 ter ruine and decay, and the pooze men and other dwellers and inhabitauntes  
 of the same, whiche haue ben heretofore set on worke, kept, and maynteyned  
 onely by the sayd commoditie, illuded and disceyued therof, but also ar very  
 lyke to be left destitute and vnprouided of a lyfynge, or any maner of art or  
 occupatio, by the whiche they shalbe able within the sayd cite or countie to  
 acquyte to them selues theyi wyues and chyldren, any honest way and trade  
 to lyue. Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted, by the assente of the kynges  
 moste royal maiestie, and the lordes spirytuali and temporell, and the com-  
 mons in this present parliament assembled, by auctoritie of the same, that  
 no persoun or persons from thens forth shal bye ne cause to be bought within  
 the sayd cite of Norwich, or countie of Norfolk, any yarne callyd worstede yarne  
 the whiche shal be spinnid within the sayd cite or countie, but onely suche  
 person or persons, being weauers, by other artificers, the whiche shal weaue  
 or otherwile worke, or cause to be wouen or otherwile wroughte the sayde  
 yarne to be bought within the sayd cite and countie, in the sayd cite of Nor-  
 wich, or some other market towne, or to times or elles where within the sayd  
 countie of Norfolk, upon the payne of fofteyn pounde weight of  
 gylde, callyd worstede yarne, so bought within the sayd cite of Norwich  
 or countie of Norfolk, and not wouen or otherwile wroughte within the sayd  
 cite or countie, as is aforesayd, xl s. the one halfe thereof to our sowerayne  
 lord the kyng, and the other halfe to hym or thim that shal soo take the  
 sayde yarne, or yse for the same by byll playnt informacio or otherwile  
 whiche shal be none ellse ne protection ne wager of lawe shal be allowed or  
 admytted to be used. And be it further ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any  
 person

person or persones do from or after the fyfthe daye of Aprill nexte ensuyng, shyppe to cary or conuey, or cause to be shypped to cary or conuey into the parties beyonde the sea, or elles do cary or conuey, or cause to be caryed and conueyed into the parties beyonde the sea, any varne callyd worstede varne not wrought or made in clothe, so luche varne be spone or made within this realme of England, that thail every person and persons, so shippynge, coueynginge or cariengge, or causynge luche varne, so to be shypped caryed or coueyde, shall forsaite for every ponde of worsted varne, so shypped conueyed or caryed, x. s. the one halfe therof to be vnto our soueraigne lord the kynge, the other half vnto him or them that woll sue for the same in any court of record by information byll playnt or otherwise, where as no wager of lawe essayne or protection shall be allowed. This act to contynue and endure vnto the last day of the nexte parlyament.

**An acte for confirmation and continuation of certayne actes.** Cap. xlii.

**W**ITH GRACE in the parlyament begun and holden at London, the xij. daye of Nouember, in the xxi. yere of the reygne of our moste dreade soueraigne lord the kynge Henry the vyght, and fro thens adourned to Westm. and there holden and contynued by dyuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolution thereof, an acte was made and establisshed, declarynge and conceyninge as well howe aged poore and impotent persons, compelled to lyue by almes, shoulde be ordered and bled, and also howe vagaboundes and myghty froght beggers shuld be whypped and punished: And at the sayd parlyament one other acte was made and establisshed, for the restrayninge of carpenge and conueynginge of horses and mares out of this realme: And also at the sayd parlyament one other acte was made and establisshed for the punysshment of Walchemenne, attemptynge allantes or astrayes vppon any thynhabytauntes of Hereford, Gloucester, or Shropshire, whiche sayde thre seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze playnly appereth: And also oone other acte was there made in the sayd parlyament for the trewe makynge of cables halteres and ropes: And also one other acte for the trewe wyndynge of wolles: And oone other acte to restrayne spyllynge of wapnynges, bunnacles, Armes, or hellets, beinge vnder the age of two yeres, whiche sayde thre seuerall actes alle before reyned were than made to endure and contynue vnto the nexte parlyament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze playnly appereth. And where also in the sayd parlyamente, one other acte was made and establisshed for the restrayntes to be used for the punysshment of peccatur vpon vntrewe breddes: And also one other acte was there made in the sayd parlyament concernynge the wyng of rape and house, all whiche sayde thre seuerall actes alle before reyned were than made and ordeyned.



ned to contynue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyament, as by the same two seuerall actes moze playnely at large is shewed and maye appere. And where also in the sayde parlyament one other act was made and establyshed for makynge of sayles in dyuers shippes of this realme, which same act was thā made to continue and endure for one yere next after the ende of the same parlyament, as by the same acte also moze playnely appereth. And where also in the parlyament begunne and holden at Westm, the. viii. daye of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayde moste dread soueraygne lord kyng Henry the. viii. and there contynued and kepte vntyll the dissolution therof, It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and syngular the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde contynue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntyll the laste daye of the nexte parlyament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnely appereth. And where also in the parlyamente begunne and holden at Westmynster, the. xxviii. daye of Apryll, and there contynued vntyll the. xxviii. daye of June, in the. xxxi. yere of the reygne of our sayde moste dreadde soueraygne lord kyng Henry the. eighth, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of the same parlyament, that all and syngular the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouysions in theym and euery of them conteyned, shoulde contynue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntyll the laste daye of the next parlyament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein cotayned moze playnely appereth. And where also in the laste session of the same parlyament, begunne at Westmynster the. xii. daye of Apryll, in the sayde. xxxi. yere of the kynges moste noble reygne, and there by dyuers prorogations contynued, vntyll the. xxiii. daye of Iulye, in the. xxxii. yere of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges reygne, there was one other acte made and establyshed for and concernynge the reformation of myspleadynge, ieyf sayles, and attournepes, whiche same acte with the prouiso therein conteyned, were made to endure vntyll the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte and prouiso amonges other thynges therein conteyned, moze playnely appereth. And for as moche as all and syngular the sayde seuerall actes aboue mencouned, be good and benefyciall for the common wealthe of this realme: Be it therefore enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that all and syngular the sayde seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles and prouysions in theym and euery of theym conteyned, shall contynue and endure in theyr force and strengthe, and be obserued and kepte in all thynges vnto the laste daye of the next parlyament.

**E** D A I D G D alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that it shall not be lefull to any persō or persones, at any tyme hereafter to water any manner of hempe or flaxe in any ryuer, running water streyke brooke or other common ponde, where beastes be used to be watered.

watered, but onely on the grounde or pyttes for the same ordeyned, and to be ordeyned made and prouyded, or els in other theyr owne leuerall ponde, upon payne euery person and persons, offendyng or doynge contrary to the tenour meanyng and purpote of this estatute, to lose and forsayte for euery tyme soo doynge, xx. s. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other halfe therof to be to the partie greued, or to any other the kynges subiectes that woll sewe for the same forsaiture in any court of recoorde leete or lawdaye, by action of debte, byll, playnt, infourmation, or other wyse, in whiche sute no protection, wager of lawe, essoyne, or other delatory plea, shall be admytted or allowed.

**An act for true makynge of kerseys. Cap. xliii.**



Where at a parliament holden at London, the .iii. daye of November, in the .xxi. yere of our moste dread soueraigne lord the kynges moste gracious regne that now is, and from thens adiourned to Westmynster, and there contynued by sundry prouocations vnto the fourthe daye of february, in the .xxii. yere of his sayde gracyous regne, it was ordeyned and enacted in the session of the sayde parliament, in the sayd .xxii. yere amongst other thynges, that after the feast of saynt Mychaell the archaungell nexte enslewynge after the makynge of the sayd acte, euery clothier within this realme, shulde sette his seale of leade vnto euery clothe and kersey that shulde be redy made and dresled to be put to sale, in whiche seale of leade shulde be conteyned the true and iuste content of the length of euery of the same clothes or kerseys, as it shulde be dewely founde by euery byer of the same, vppon due proufe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vppon any suche proufe to be made by any byer of them at the water, there shuld be founde lesse and smaller cōtent in lengthe, than shulde be conteyned and specified in euery of the sayde seales, that than euery suche clothier makynge suche default, shuld lose and forsayte vnto euery suche byer of the same, the double value of so moche clothe as shulde wante or lacke of his sayde content in length, at the onely syght and iudgement of any two indifferent persones, that shulde measure the sayde clothes and kerseys. And furthermore it was enacted by the sayd acte, that euery kersey, soo to be put to sale, shulde conteyne in bredthe one yarde within the lyfte, vppon dewe proufe therof to be tried by the water, vppon payne to forsayte for euery such kersey, lackynge of the sayd content in bredth, xx. s. as by the same acte amongst other thynges therein conteyned more at large it is expessed and maye appere. Whiche sayde acte if it shulde be put in execution, shulde not alonely greoue and be to the great losse and decay of the kynges hyghnes customes, but also to the great hynderaunce hurte and impouerishment of the kynges louynge and obedient subiectes, and specially of those inhabytyng within the countie of Berke, South, Oxfordshyre, Surrey, Suffex, and Northampton, where



where there are a greate numbꝛe of course kerseyes made, beinge of the value of .xxx.s. the picce, oꝛ thereabouts: whyche kerseyes are made of course woll, and are commonly solde foꝛ .xx.d. oꝛ .xxii.d. the yarde coloured, of whyche course sorte of kerseyes there are commonly made in the sayde countyes fyue hundred agaynst one fyne kersey, by the makynge and woꝝkynge wherof a greate numbꝛe of the kynges subiectes are sette a woꝝke and gette theyꝝ lypynge, whiche course kerseys are vttered in to the farrre parties beyonde the sea, and fewe oꝛ none vttered in this realme, and haue not ben vled sythe the remembrance of man to be made of suche content in bredthe, as is lymyted in the sayd estatute, foꝛ that the woll & yarne, wherof the saide kerseyes are made, be of suche kyndes and properties, as well by reason of the coarsnes of the wolles, as also foꝛ the manyfolde differēce of sundꝛy lypynnynges of the same, and foꝛ dyuers other consyderations, the kerseyes therof made can not be so certeynely woꝝought, as the same shoulde & myghte kepe any trewe oꝛ iuste certeynty of length oꝛ bredthe thꝛoughly, whan it shall come to the water, although the woꝝkers and makers of the same do put therbynto the beste of theyꝝ foꝛces and dylgēce, as by experyence and pꝛofe thereof hath bene dewely pꝛoued, and is nowe ryghte well percepued: by occasion whereof the makers and woꝝkers of suche course kerseyes shoulde be compellyd eyther to forsake theyꝝ mysteries of makynge of suche course kerseys, wherby many thousande persones dwellyng within this realme, & specially within the counties aboue reherled, now haupng good and competēt lypynge shuld be vnooccupied and falle to ydelnes, oꝛ els to incurre the danger and penaltie of the sayde estatute, to theyꝝ vtter vndoinge.

¶ Foꝛ remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from hencefoꝛth it shall and may be lefull to all and euery of the kynges subiectes, to make, woꝝke, and put to sale at theyꝝ lybertie and pleasure, all maner of suche coloured kersey and kerseyes, whiche shall be solde at oꝛ foꝛ .xx.d. oꝛ .xxii.d. the yarde oꝛ vnder, and not aboue, of suche lengthes and bredthes as they dyd myght oꝛ were wont to do befoꝛe the makinge of the sayde acte, made in the sayde .xxvii. yere of our sayd soueraygne lord the kynges reygne, oꝛ any other act without incurrēge oꝛ rouynnyng into any danger oꝛ penaltie foꝛ the same, the sayd acte made in the sayd .xxvii. yere, oꝛ any thinge therein conteyned, oꝛ any other act oꝛ statute made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Pꝛouided alway, that all maner of kerseyes to be made woꝝought & put to sale within this realme, of the colours of blacke marble, russet, and white (whiche sayd colours be cōmonly solde & retailed within this realme) shall be made of suche contēte in bredthe, as is lymitted in the sayd former acte, vppon payne in the same former acte conteyned, any thing in this pꝛesent act conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And yt ys further enacted by the auctoritie afoꝛe saide that all and euery persone and persones, whiche shall make oꝛ woꝝke any kerseys

of the pyces aboue reherſed, or vnder, ſhall at all tymes hereafter fro time to tyme, make the ſame kerſeys trewelye without deceyte, & that they or any of them do nor ſhall falſely or vntruely make or ſtoppe any maner of kerſeys with ſtockes thymmes or other deceyuable thynge or thyngeſ, to the deceypte of any perſon or perſons, nor ſhall by colour of any lybertie to the gyuen, or other matter compyled in this eſtatute, make worke and put to ſale any coloured kerſeye or kerſeys of the pyces aboue reherſed which ſhall conteyne any leſſe in bredthe thanne thre quarters of a yarde and one nayle within the lyſte, to be tryed at the water, vpon peyne to forſayt for euery kerſey ſo falſely made or ſtopped with ſtockes thymmes or other deceyuable thynge or thyngeſ, to the deceypte of any perſone or perſonnes, xx.s. and vpon peyne to forſayte for euery ſuch coloured kerſey of the pyce aboue reherſed to be made and put to ſale, not conteynyng, .iii. quarters of a yarde and one nayle in bredthe within the lyſte, to be tried at the water as is afore ſayd xx.d the one halfe of which forſaytures to be to our ſoueraigne lord the king & the other halfe therof to be to hym or them that woll ſewe for the ſame in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by action of debt byll playnte or infor mation, wherein the defendaunt ſhall not be receued to wage his lawe, nor any eſſone or protection for ſuche defendant to be allowed.

**¶** Prouyded alwaye that the ſayde former acte, made in the ſayd, xxvii. yere and all clauſes and articles in the ſame conteyned (other than concernynge the bredthe of coloured kerſeys of the pyces afore reherſed) ſhall ſtande and be in theyr full ſtrengthe and effecte, and be kepte and obſerued accor dyng to the tenour and purpoſe of the ſame acte.

**¶** Prouyded alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that the aul nager of euery countie ſhal & may leſully ſeale euery of the ſame coloured kerſeys of the pyces aboue ſayde, in lyke maner and ſourne as he or they ſhoulde or myghte haue done, if the ſayde former acte had neuer ben hadde nor made.

**¶** Prouyded alſo, that none of the ſayde kerſeys of the pyces afore lymyted, nor any other kerſey or brode clothe, made within this realme to be vttred and ſolde, ſhall be put to ſale before that they and euerye of them ſhall be ſealed by the alnager with the kynges ſeale, as hath ben accuſtomed.

**¶** An acte expoundynge a certayne ſtatute concernynge  
ſhyppynge of clothes, Cap. xix.



Here in the parlyamente begun and holden at London, the thyrda dawe of Nouember, in the xxi. yere of the reygne of our moſte bradde ſoueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyghte, and from thence adiurned to Weſtm., and there alſo holden and continued by dyuerſe proro gations, vnto the .iiii. day of February, in the. xxvii. yere of our ſayd ſoueraigne lord the kynges reigne, and there then holden vntyll the dyſſolution therof. It was by



by acte of parlyamente ordeyned and establyshed, that euerye whyte wollen clothe solde for.iiii.li. and vnder, and euery coloured clothe solde for.iii.li. and vnder, myght be carped & conueyed into the parties of beyond the sea, there to be solde at the pleasure of the byers of the sayde clothe and clothes vnbarbed vnshorne & vnrowed, any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandinge. And by the same acte it was further enacted, that if any person or persons dyd sende or conuey or cause to be sente & conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, any whyte wollen clothe aboue the value of.iiii.li. or any coloured clothe aboue the pryce of.iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed and vnshorne, in other fourme then is aboue mentioned, that then the personne or persons so offendynge shall forsaite the value of the sayde clothes so caried and conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, the oone moitie of the same forsaiture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, & the other moitie to any person whiche wyll or shall sue by byll wytt or other wyse agaynst any person for the same, and the defendaunt in any plea vpon any suche suite or action be not admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protectio or esoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same, as by the same acte more playnely appereth. Upon the interpretation and expoundynge of certayne wordes within the sayd act diuersitie of opynions hath ryssen emogest some persons, that if any person or persones sende or conueye, or cause to be sente or conueyed towarde the parties of beyonde the sea, any whyte wollen clothe, aboue the value of.iiii.li. or any coloured clothe, aboue the value of.iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnshorne, whether the same clothe soo sente or the value thereof be forsaited, before the same clothe be carped & conueyed into the parties of beyonde the sea, for a playne declaration of the premises be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctorite of this presente parlyament, that no person or persons from hensforth shall carpe or shyp, or cause to be shyped in any shyp bote craye or vessel any whyte wollen clothe, aboue the value of.iiii.li. or any coloured clothe aboue the value of.iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnshorne, to the intente to be conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, vppon payne of forsaiture of the same clothe or clothes, or the value therof, the same forsaiture to be recouered in suche maner and fourme as is afoze mentioned.

**C**An acte for due proces to be had in hygh treasons, in cases of lunacy or madnes. Cap. xx.



**F**or as moche as sometyne some personnes beinge accused of hygh treasons, haue after they haue benne examyned before the kynges maiesties counsaile, confessed theyr offences of hygh treason, and yet neuer the lesse after the doyng of theyr treasons, and examinations and confessions therof, as is afoze sayde, haue fallen to madnes or lunacye, wherby the condyngne punyshmente of theyr treasons, were they neuer soo notable

notable and detestable, hath ben deferred spared and delayed, and whether they? madnes or lunacy by them outwardly shewed were of trouth or falsely contrived and counterfayted, it is a thyng almost impossible certayne-ly to iudge or try. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, to avoide al sinister counterfeit and false practises and ymaginacions that maye be vsed for excuse of punishment of high treasons, in suche cases where they be done or committed by any person or persons of good perfecte and hole memoꝝ at the tyme of such they? offences, that if any person or persons haue done or committed, or hereafter shall do or comynytte any hyghe treasons when they were in good hole and perfecte memoꝝ, and after they? accusation examination and confession therof, before any the kynges maiesties counsaile, shall happen to fall to madnes or lunacy, that yet neuer the lesse, if it shall appere by the testymonie of foure of the kynges counsell or mo, that suche persons at the tyme of doynge they? treason, and at the tyme of they? accusation examination and confession therof, were of good perfect and hole memoꝝ, and than not mad nor lunatyke, but sythen that tyme fallen to madnes or lunacy, and so certified into the kynges Chancery by wytyng subscribed with the names of foure of the sayd counsell or mo: that than in euery suche case the kynges maiesties commission of oyer and terminer of the treasons, shalbe awarded out of the sayd Chancery, vnder his highnes great seale, into suche shire & place, and to such persons, as it shal please the kynges most royal maiestie to limit and appoynt, in which commission shalbe specially mentioned and expessed the names of such person or persons, who shall happen to be accused and examined of treason before any the kynges maiesties counsaile, as is aforesayde, and an expresse mention, that by the testimony of foure of the kynges counsaile, suche person or persons so accused or examined of treason, were of good perfecte and hole memoꝝ at the tyme of committynge they? offences, and at the tyme of they? accusation examination and confession therof, and that sythen that tyme they be become mad or lunatike. By vertue of whiche commission the commissioners, lyMITTED by the same commission, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire of the treasons, done by suche persons, by the inhabitants or freholders of the shyre where suche commysion shall be directed to, where so euer the sayde treasons were done or committed. And if such person or persons aforesayde, shall happen to be indited of hygh treason, than the sayd commissioners, without the personall apparance or arraignment of suche person or persons so indyted, shall cause the shyreff or his mynysters, or other hauyng auctoritie, to retorne processe in such cases, to return a panell before them of sufficient and laufull freholders of the shyre, where suche persons shalbe indited, for the tryall of they? treasons conteyned in they? indytement. And after the retorne of the panell, and apparance of the Jury, the sayd commissioners in the absence of the sayde person or persons indited, being mad or lunatike, without any arraignment answer or plea to the inditement, shall sweare, rit. of suche of the sayde iurys as shall be re-

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turned befoze them, to trye whether the persō oꝝ persons indited be gylty of the treasons conteyned in the inditement, oꝝ of any of theym (oꝝ not gylty) causynge onely thinditement to be redde to the sayd iury, and after the readyng therof, cause and suffer vpon euynce to be gyuen to the iury, as wel foꝝ the kyng as foꝝ the partie touchynge the treasons conteyned in the inditement, as to theyꝝ discretions shal seme conuenient. Wherbypon the iury shal be bounden to gyue theyꝝ verdyte accordynge to theyꝝ euynce, as yf the persons indited had be pꝛesent arraigned and pleaded to the same: And yf it shal happen such person oꝝ persons so indited, to be found gylty by the sayd iury so charged to trye suche trefons, that than the offendours of such trefons, so found gylty shal haue such iugement, & suffer such payns of deth, foꝝsaithurs of landes goodes cattails and all other thynges, as is comonly lymitted in cases of high treason, and as if suche persons had ben of good and hole memoꝝy, and personally pꝛesent arraigned and pleded to theyꝝ inditement, and had ben found gyltie therof, theyꝝ madnes oꝝ lunacy, oꝝ theyꝝ absence non arraignment, oꝝ not pleadyng to the sayde inditement, in any wyse not lettynge noꝝ withstandynge.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any of the peeres of this realme shal happen to be accused and examined of hygh trefon befoze any the kinges counsel, & do cōfesse the same, and afterwarde fall to madnes oꝝ lunacy as is aforesayd that than such treasons done and committed by any pere of the realme, and by hym oꝝ her confessed vpon examination therof befoze any of the kynges counsaile, as is aforesayde, and theyꝝ confessions, if they can write, subscribed wyth theyꝝ names, shal be enquyꝛed of by vertue of the kynges commission of oꝛer and terminer, to be awarded in maner and fourme aboue reherled, And if they shal happen to be indited of hygh treason, by vertue of suche commissiō, yet neuerthelesse theyꝝ tryall shalbe alway had by theyꝝ peeres, befoze the hygh steward of England, to be assigned by the kinges hyghnes. And that the hygh steward to be assigned by the kinges maiestie in euery such case, shal haue the record of the indytemēt brought to hym, and shal cause to be summoned, to appere befoze hym, the peeres of the realme, as hath ben accustomed, at a day and place by the said high steward to be limited, at which day and place the said high steward, after the apparance of the peeres befoze hym, haupng the record of the said inditement befoze hym, shal in the absence of the persone indited, whiche shal happen to be madde oꝝ lunatyke, as is aforesayd, and without his oꝝ her arraignment oꝝ pleadyng to the indytemēt, cause the said indytemēt to be red to the peeres, and in theyꝝ pꝛesence cause to be declared by his discretiō all maner of euynce and witnes touchyng the treasons conteyned in the said inditement, and afterward charge the sayd peeres vpon their faithes, and duties of allegiance, that they owen to the kynges maiestie, to trye whether the person indited be gylty of the treasons conteyned in the indytementes oꝝ any of the, oꝝ not gylty, And if they shal fynd hym oꝝ her gylty: that then suche iudgement execution and foꝝsaithurs shal be had

be had made and done, as if suche person indited had ben of good memoꝝ, and personally presente arraigned and pleaded to the said inditement, and had ben found gilty of the treasons therein contained the madnes oꝝ lunacy of suche persons in suche cases as is aforesayde, not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person oꝝ persons, shal happen to be attainted and conuicted of high treason, by auctoritie of parliament, oꝝ by the due course of the common lawes oꝝ statutes of this realme, and afterwarde fall to madnesse oꝝ lunacy, that yet neuerthelesse they shal haue and suffer execution, theyꝝ madnes oꝝ lunacy not withstanding. And that if any person oꝝ persons shalbe attainted of hyghe treason by the course of the common lawes oꝝ statutes of this realme, that in euery suche case euery suche atteynder by the common lawe shalbe of as good strength value force and effect, as if it had ben done by auctoritie of parliament: And that the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, shal haue as moche benefite and aduantage by such atteynder, as well of vles ryghtes entrees condicions, as possessions reuertions remainders and all other thinges, as if it had ben done and declared by auctoritie of parliament, and shalbe demed and adiuged in actuall and reall possessions of the landes tenementes hereditamentes vles goodes cattalles and all other thinges of the offendours so atteinted, which his highnes ought lawfully to haue, and which they so being atteynted, ought oꝝ mought lawfully lose and forsayte if the atteynder had ben done by auctoritie of parliament, without any offyce oꝝ inquisition to be founde of the same, any lawe statute oꝝ vls of the realme to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge. Saving to al and euery person and persons, and bodies politike, and their heyres assignes and successours, and euery of them, other than suche person and persons, whiche hereafter shal be atteinted of high treason, and theyꝝ heyres and assignes and euery of them, and all and euery other person and persons, claymyng by them oꝝ any of them, oꝝ to theyꝝ vles, oꝝ to the vles of any of them, after the sayde treason committed, all suche right tytle vls possession entree reuertions remainders interestes condicions fees offices rentes annuities commons leases and all other commodities pꝛofites and hereditamentes what so euer theyꝝ oꝝ any of theym shulde myght oꝝ oughte to haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ An acte concernynge the atteynder of the late quene  
Katharine and her complices. Cap. xxi.



¶ Theyꝝ moste humble wyse besechen your moste royall maiestie the loꝝdes spirituall and tempoꝝal, and all other your moste louyng and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste high courte of parliamente assembled, that where besydes any mannes expectation such chaunce hath happened by mastres Katharin Howard, whiche your highnes

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nes toke to your wyfe, bothe to your maiestie chiefly, and so consequently to vs all, that the lyke we thynke hath scarce be sene, the lykelyhoodes and apparances beyng so far contrary to that, which by euident and due proufe is nowe found true. First that it wyl please your maiestie to take it yn suche parte, as therby aryse not to vs all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your hart, and vniquietnes of your mynde: for that shulde be a shortnyng of that which we all shuld repent and most desyre the contrary. Secondly that it wold please your maiesty to pardon all your lounge subiectes, which syns these matters came to their knowlege, haue detested and abhored her for this facte, both in word maner and dede, and of wordes vttered by them of her and her adherentes not mainteynable in your lawes, consydering that they dyd, and do it onely for the great zeale and loue that they beare to your maiestie, and the abhominacion of the detestable facte. Thirdly that sins it pleased your maiestie vpon those lykely outwarde apparances, to take the sayd maiestres Catherine Howard to your wyfe, and Queene, of your most excellent goodnes, and for a godly purpose, and also moste liberally to endue her with great possessions for the maintenaunce of the same, thynkyng and takyng her at that tyme to be chaste, and of pure cleane and honest luyng, the contrary wherof is nowe duely proued, both by her owne confession, and others also. And that also she after the marriage betwene your maiestie and her, toke moste trayterously to her seruyce the same person, with whom she vled that vitious lyfe before, whose name was fraunces Dereham, and vled hym in manye secrete conferences and messages after, as by his confession and attayndour doeth moze playnly appere. Callyng also to her seruice in roume of Chamberer a woman, whiche was priuie to her noughty lyfe before, wherby she hath shewed a great apparauce and in maner a due proufe of wyl to returne to her olde and abhominable life with the foresayd person. And yet she not satisfied with these abhominable carnall desires, the ende whereof howe perillous it was and myght haue bene to your maiesty and persone, were harde to expresse, hath also sins that tyme most traytorously confederated her selfe wth the ladye Jane Rocheforde widow, late wyfe of George Woleyne knyght late lord Rocheforde, to byng her vitious and abhominable pourpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentylmen of your graces pryue Chamber, by whose meanes the quene brought to passe, that the sayd Culpeper and she met in a secret and hille place, and that at an vndue houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remayned there with hym tyll thre of the clocke in the mornynge, none beyng with them but that baude the lady Jane Rocheford, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and there they at thre and at other conferences togyther afterward, most falsely and traytorously comitted and perpetrated many detestable and abhominable tresons, to the most fearful peril and daungier of the destruction of your moste royall persone, and to the vtter losse dissension and desolation of this your realme of England, if god of his infinit goodnes hadde not in due tyme brought the  
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sayd treasons to lyght. Of and for whiche treasons beyng manifestly and playnly proued, as well by the confession of the sayd Queene and other the sayd parties, as by dyuers other wytnesses and protes, the sayde fraunces Dereham and Thomas Culpeper haue ben lausfully and truly, and accor- dyng to the lawes of the realme convicted and attaynted: And the sayde Queene & Jane lady Rocheford be lausfully indicted, in so moche that Tho- mas Culpeper & fraunces Dereham haue iustly suffered therfore paynes of death, accordyng to theyr merites, as by the recordes therof more plainly at large may appere. It may therfore please your highnes, of your moste ex- cellent and accoustomable goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour and hartt affection, that your maiestie hath alwayes heretofore borne, and yet beareth to the common welth of this your realme of England, and for the conserua- tion of your most excellent highnes and posteritie, and of the good peace vi- nitie and rest of vs your moste bounden and obedyent subiectes, to graunt and assent at the most humble desyre and petition of your louing and obedy- ent subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this pre- sent parlyament assembled, that this theyr lawful indtementes and attayn- dours, of such as haue lately suffered, may be approued by the auctoritie of this present parlyament. And that it maye be enacted, that the sayde queene Catherine, and Jane lady Rocheford, for theyr sayde abhominable and be- testable treasons by them and euery of them most abhominably and craite- rously comitted and done against your maiesty and this your realme, shal- be by the auctozite of this present parlyament, convicted & attainted of high treasons; and that the same Queene Catherine, and Jane lady Rocheford & eyther of them, shal haue and suffer paynes of death, losse of goodes ratals dettes fermes and al other thinges, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this your realme hath ben accoustomed granted and giue to the crowne. And also that the sayde queene Catherine, Jane lady Rocheford, Thomas Culpeper, and fraunces Dereham and euery of them, shal lose and forsaite to your highnes and to your heires all suche rightes title interest, vse, and possession, whiche they or any of them had the xxv. daye of Auguste, in the xxxiii. yere of your reigne, or any tyme thens, of in or to all suche theyr ho- nours manours meales landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders vles possessions offices rightes conditions, and all other theyr heredita- mentes of what names natures or qualites so euer they be, and that all su- che rightes title interest vse & possession, whiche they or any of them had, or of right ought to haue the said xxv. daye of Auguste, or any tyme thens, of in or to the same honours castelles manours meales landes tenementes ren- tes reuertions remainders vles possessions offices rightes commodites & hereditamentes, by the auctoritie aforesayd shal be demised sold & assigned to be in the actual and full possession of your maiesty, without any disse- or inquisition therof hereafter to be taken or founde, accordyng to the com- lawes of this your realme, shauing to euery person and persons, & bodies polityke, and to theyr heires assignes and succellours and cetera of them.



other than the sayde Queene Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper, and fraunces Dereham, and theyr heires, and euery of theym, herafter claymyng the premysse, as heyre by oꝛ from theym, oꝛ by oꝛ from any of them, and all and euery other persone and persons, claympuge by them oꝛ any of theym, oꝛ to theyr vses, oꝛ to the vse of any of them, oꝛ to the vse of any of theyr sayde heyres, all suche ryghte, tyle, vse, possession, intereste, reuertion, remaynder, entrees, condycion, fees offyces, rentes, annuities, commons, and all other commodities and heredytamentes, what so euer they oꝛ any of theym myght coulde oꝛ ought to haue hadde, yf this acte hadde neuer ben, hadde ne made. And fourthely so: as moche as these foresayde mooste abhominable and detestable hygh treasons haue so moch touched the peryll of your most royall person, the danger and trouble of this your hole realme, and in respect therof it were requisite that condigne punishment shulde be had and spedely provided for the reste of theym, whiche yet haue not suffred, and not to be delayed noꝛ protracted, to the ende oꝛ proroagation of this present parliament, whiche is most chiefly callyd and summoned for other generall causes and matters for the welthe of this realme. Therfore your most humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and comons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly besech your most royall maiesty, that whā they, with one assent be agreed & accorded vpon this act, for that it shulde not be requisite to trouble your maiestie for accessse in your mooste royall person to the vpper house, to assent to the same, noꝛ conuenient that your maiesties royal assent shuld be protracted, to the ende oꝛ proroagation of this parliament, that than it may please your maiestie, for exymple of spedy punishment of such detestable and abhominable treasons, to graunt your mooste royall assent to the said act by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracious hand and to be put vnder your great seale of Englande, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the lordes spirituall & tempozall, and your comons of this parliament there to be assembled for that purpose, & after that to be and stande as a perfecte acte, and to be put in due execution accordingly with conuenient speede. And fiftly where also Agnes Duchesse of Norfolk, widow, and Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, wyfe of the ryght honorable Henry erle of Bridgewater, haue ben lausfully truly & accordyng to the lawes of this realme condited of misprisson of hygh treason, for the cōcelynge of the sayd detestable and abhominable treasons, and yet not arraigned noꝛ attaynted of the same, that they now may be by act of parliament convicted and attaynted of the same. And that seynge the lordes William Howard, the ladye Margaret Howarde his wyfe, Edward Walgrave, Katherine Clynny, Alice Redwold, John Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampson, William Clynny, Margaret Bennet, and William Alshby, were & be of the sayd misprisson of high treason already convict & attaynted by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the recordes thereof more plainly & large appereth, that this theyr iuste condiction and attayndour may

may also be approued by act of parliamēt. And that the said Agnes duchess of Norfolk, Catherine countesse of Bridgewater, lord William Howard, lady Margaret Howard, Edward Walgraue, Catherin Tylnay, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampore, Malyn Tylnay, Margaret Bennet, and Wylliam Alheby and euery of them shall lose and forseyte to your highnes all theyr goodes cattails leases for yeres, money plate Jewels and debtes, and haue imprisonment of theyr bodies durynge theyr lyues: And also that all theyr manours meases landes tenementes possessions and hereditamented shall be sealed remayne and continue into your maiesties handes durynge theyr natural lyues, if theyr titles and interestes so longe endure. And that your highnes shall be answered of the rentes reuenues issues and profittes therof, from the first day of Octobze, in the xxiii. yere of your regne, durynge theyr sayd lyues, if theyr titles and interestes so longe endure. Hauinge to al and euery person and persons and bodies politike, and to the heyres successours and assignes of euery of them, other than the sayd Agnes Duches of Norfolk, Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, lord William Howard, lady Margaret Howard, Edward Walgraue, Katherine Tylnay, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampore, Malyn Tylnay, Margaret Bennet, and Wylliam Alheby, all such right title vse possession interestes fees offices rentes annuities commons and al other hereditamentes commodities and profittes, what so ever they or any of them mought shulde or ought to haue hadde in or to the premises, if this act had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ Therefore be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that al thynges contained by expresse wordes in this theyr foresayd petition, concernynge or touchynge treasons or misprisions, or dependynge vpon them, or longynge to them, shall stand in full force of an acte, accordynge to their moste humble request and petition, any former act made to the contrary not withstandynge. ¶ And ensuynge the foresayd petition, concernynge the kynges royall assent to be done and had by the kynges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kynges hand, and sealed with his great seale, as is aforesayde, and to auoide all doubtes and ambiguyties hereafter touchynge the same: Be it declared by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kynges royall assent, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, and assigned with his hand, and declared and notified in his absence to the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and to the commons assembled together in the high house, is and ever was of as good strength and force as though the kynges person had ben there personally present, and had assented openly and publicly to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted that this royall assent & all other royall assentes hereafter to be so gyven by the kynges of this realme, and notified as is aforesayde, shall be taken and reputed good and effectual to all intents and purposes without doubte of ambiguytie, any custome or vse to the contrary



notwithstanding.

**A**nd be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and euery person or persons, which haue not only by theyr wordes spoken vttered and published, but also in theyr dedes done deuised and set forth by wrytynges al that they coulde for byngyng this hygh treason of the sayd Queene and her complices to light, and also to seke a letche al due meanes for condigne punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, misprysons and offences afoze reherced, or otherwise haue spoken detested and abhorred her sayd abhominable offences, shall be clerely pardoned acquitted and discharged for the same agaynst the kynges highnes, his heires and succelours for euer.

**A**nd althoughe it were not conuenient, that such a freedom and libertie were giuen to subiectes, without good grounde, they myght secretly murmur seditious slander openly defame the? Queene and maistres: so alswere it binnete and dangerous to the surety of our soueraine lord and king (beyng a iuste cause) to be construed by any lawe, to kepe it and concele it from hym or some of his counsaile, whiche of duety bothe shulde and ought shortly after to notice the same vnto hym: Therfore be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it shal be lefull for any of the kynges subiectes and lieges, if they theym selves perfectly knowe, or by vehement presumption may and do perceiue any wylle acte or conditiō of lightnes of body in her, whiche for the tyme beyng shal be Queene of this realme, that they may lausfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, whiche they thynke wylle disclose the same vnto his highnes, any act statute or lawe made to the contrary not withstandyng.

**C**ounded neuertheles that they shal not openly blowe it abroad, nor priuately whisper it in other folkes eares, whereby a sclauder myght rise of her, tyll it be diuulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

**A**nd it is further enacted that if any of the sayde counsaile, beyng with-  
in the realme, do conceale it, & not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his  
counsaile, resident or attendaunt in that tyme on his royall person, by worde  
or writinge, within .xx. dayes after any of them shall heare of it, and if they  
be out of the realme, with as conuenient speede and diligence as they may:  
that than they to haue lyke punishment and forsaiture, as the offendours  
shoulde. And in case the sayd counsaile or any of them doo here or perceiue  
any such thynge as afore is reherced, that than it shall be lesfull for them all  
or any of them, after notice therof gyven to the kynges maiestie, to vniuersi-  
teie and proue alwayes to theyr wittes possible, to bring the matter and of-  
fence to true knowledge and light, and they so doing to incurre no danger  
of labe or penaltye, any acte or statute made heretofore to the contrary not-  
withstandinge.

And furthermore be it enacted, for cutting of suche like charynous and abominable treasons, in case it fortune epyther the kyng our soveraygne lord  
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that now is, or any of his successours hereafter being kynges of England, shulde take a fanly to any woman, of what estate degree or conditiō so euer she be, eyther subiect or resiant within his dominyons or realmes, in way of maryage, thynkyng and estemyng her a pure and cleane mayde, whan in dede the pꝛofe may or after shal appere contrary, eyther by due testimony or confelion of the partie or parties, and yet she neuerthelesse wyllyngely doo coulp her selfe with her soueraygne lord and kyng in maryage, without playn declaration befoze of her vncfast lyfe vnto his maiesty: that than euey such offence shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour therin conuicte by the order of the lawe, shal haue and suffer such peynes of dethe losses and forfaytures of landes tenementes goodes cattalles and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

**A**nd be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person, subiect or resiant within the realme, or in any the kynges dominions, herynge say by honest repozite, or haupnge perfecte knowlege, that suche a woman being not chaste, shal mary with her soueraygne lord and kyng of this realme, to the daunger of his most royall person, and of his succession, and do not reuele and shewe the same offence to the kyng for the tyme beinge, or to one of his pꝛiue counsaille, befoze suche maryage be had, if possibly and conueniently he maye, or elles within .xx. dayes nexte after that he shal haue certain knowledge of such maryage: that then euey such offence shal be taken and demed mispꝛision of hyghe treason, and the offendours conuicte thereof by the order of the lawe, shal haue suche peynes and suffer suche losses and forfaytures, as in cases of mispꝛision of hyghe treason.

**A**nd be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if the Queene or wyfe of the Pynce moue pꝛocure or styꝛe any persō by any wyptyng message wordes or tokens or otherwise for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnall knowlege with them: Or if any personne do moue pꝛocure or make meanes to the queene, or the wyfe of the pynce, to vse or haue carnal knowlege of them or any of them: that then as well the queene and the wyfe of the pynce so pꝛocuryng or carnally knowen, as euey other person pꝛocuryng as is aforesayde or carnally knowynge the queene, or the wyfe of the pynce, and theyꝛ apdours counsailours and abettours, and euey of theym, shal be deemed and adiudged hyghe traytours, and beinge conuicte of suche offences, shal haue and suffre suche iudgemente peynes of deathe and forfaytures of landes goodes cattals and debtes, as in cases of hygh treason.

**A**n acte concernynge the order of wardes and liueries. Cap. xxi.



Where in the parliament holden at Westm the .xxviii. day of April, in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, by the grace of god king of England fraunce and Irelande, defender of the fayth, and of the churche of Englande and also of Ireland in erthe the supreme head, and from  
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thens adiourned to Westm aforesayd, by dyuerse prouocations, vntyll the xxv. daye of Maye. in the. xxxii. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord, and then and there holden, amōges other thinges the kinges graces courte, called the courte of the kinges wardes, was then and there by auctoritie of the sayd parliament established made and auctozised in to a court of recozde, as by an acte therof made in the sayd parliament moze playnly appereth. To the which courte it semeth to the kinges maiestie to be necessary and very expedient, to haue the liueries, whiche shall be sued within this his realme and other his dominions, incorpozated and vnited, and also all indentures cedules bondes & wrytinges to be made in for and vpon liueries to be registred and enroled in the sayd courte, beinge a courte of recozde, to thintent that such indentures cedules bondes and wrytinges may be there surely and certainly knowen serched and bled, as well for the kinge as the partie, as case shall require. In consideration wherof, and for that it shall not onely be honozable and commodious to the kynges maiestie, to haue al the procedynges of the sayde liueries to be of recozde, but also greatly to the comforte and pzoofte of his graces subiectes, that shall make any serche for the same for his oꝝ theyꝝ commodities: The kynges highnes is therfoze pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the office of the maister oꝝ maisters of the liueries, with the circūstaunces therof, shall be vnited annexed and knyt vnto the sayd court of the kinges wardes: And that the auctoritie and office to compounde for any liueries, with the procedynges therein shall be from henseforth in the rule power and gouernaunce of the sayd courte in maner and fourme hereafter declared, any law custome patent grant oꝝ vsage heretofore had oꝝ vsed to the contrary not withstanding. And that the maister of the kinges wardes for the tyme beinge, which is the chiefe and principal heade officer of the same court, shall from henseforth for euer be maister of the kinges wardes, and of the liueries, and that all other officers and ministers appointed, oꝝ hereafter to be appointed in the same court of the kinges wardes, by auctoritie of the statute made of the erection of the same court, shall be called officers and ministers of the kinges courte of his wardes and liueries.

**A**nd be it also enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that the kinges sayd highnes, his heyres and successours from tyme to tyme, shall make name and appointe one officer and minister of and in the sayd court, which shall be called the surueyour of the kynges liueries, and shall be the second person of the same court. And that the attorney of the kinges wardes for the tyme beinge, which by the sayd former acte of the said court of the kinges wardes, was appointed to be the seconde person of the sayde court, shall from henseforth for euer stande and be the thyrde person of the sayd courte of the kynges wardes and liueries. And all other officers and ministers of the sayde courte to be placed as is lymted in the same former acte.

**A**nd further be it enacted by auctoritie afozesayd, that the kinges highnes his heyres and successours may from tyme to tyme make name and appointe

poynnt an apt person to be clerke of the sayde lyueries, whiche shall make all indentures cedules obligations & wytynges of bargaines hereafter to be made and graunted for any liueries, and that doone parte of the sayde indentures and cedules or other wytynges indented, necessary for the same, shall remayne with the partie or parties, and shall be sealed with the seale of the sayde maister of the wardes and liueries, and of the sayde surueyours of the sayde liueries. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made vpon the same, and euery of them from henceforth shall be taken ordered and vsed, and also be of the same force strenght and effecte, to all intentes and purposes, as the obligations indentures and accomptes be & ought to be by the sayde former acte. And that euery suche person, which in fourme aforesayd shall be appoynted to be Surueyours of the sayd liueries, shall take a corporall othe afoze the said maister of the kynges wardes and lyueries for the tyme beinge, after the tenour ensuyng.

Ye shall sweare that ye wel and trewely serue our soueraygne lord the king in the offyce of surueyours of his graces liueries, and shall minister equal iustice to ryche and poore to the best of your power wytte and knowledge, and that you shall diligently procure al thinges which may honestly and iustely be to the kynges aduantage and profyt, and to thaugmentatiō of the ryght & prerogatiue of his graces crowne, & from tyme to tyme deliuer with spede such as shall haue to do afoze you, and that you shall not take ne receaue of any person or persons any gyfte or reward in any case or matter depēdyng or to depende in the sayd court of the kynges wardes, wherin the kynges highnes shall be partie, by reason wherof any prejudice losse hynderance or dishonour shall or may growe to the kynges highnes his heires or successours, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd that the sayd clarke of the sayd liueries shall take a corporall othe afoze the sayd maister of the wardes and liueries for the tyme beinge, after the tenour hereafter ensuyng.

Ye shall sweare that you shall wel and trewely serue the kyng our soueraygne lord in your offyce of clarke of the lyueries, and trewely do and execute without delaye fraude or couyn al and euery thyng and thynges, whiche you ought to do by reason of your sayd office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this present acte, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

And that all lyueries, whiche hereafter shall be sued out of the kynges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of any of theym, of any Castelles, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be shall be in the order suruey and gouernance of the said court of the kynges wardes and lyueries and of the ministers of the same.

And be it enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that no person or persons haue landes or tenementes aboue the yerely value of fyue poundes, shall haue or sue any lyuerie befoze inquisition or office found befoze the exchetour or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kynges wytt or commission



mission to be directed out of the kynges chauncery or other courtes haupng auctoritie to make such wryttes or commissions for supnge of liueries, whiche wryttes or commissions shall not passe out of the Chauncery or any other courtes, but by a warrant or byll to be assigned and subscribed with the handes and names of the sayd maister Surueour attourney and receiuour, or the two or one of them, to be directed and deliuered to the Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other chauncellour or officer, haupng power to award suche wryttes. And if the landes and tenementes, wherof any inquisition is to be had by vertue of any such wrytte or commission, excede the yerely value of. v. li. that then suche as sue for suche wryttes or commissions, shall paye for the seale and wryttinge therof suche fees as hath ben accustomed. And if the sayd landes and tenementes, wherof any suche inquisitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any suche wrytte or commission, excede not the sayde yerely value of. v. li. then suche as shall sue for suche wryttes or commissions, shall paye for the seale of euery of them, vi. d. and for the wryttinge vi. d. and not aboue.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that all inquisitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any suche wryttes or commissions, shall be returned by the exchequours or commissioners, to whom such wryttes or commissions shall be directed, into the sayd chauncery, or into suche other courtes, from whense such wryttes or commissions were awarded, in such maner and fourme, and vpon suche peynes as is lymitted by the lawes & statutes of the realme in suche cases. And that the clarkes of the petty bag shall receiue such offices, and make a transcript therof fro tyme to tyme to the sayd maister of the wardes and liueries, in lyke maner and fourme as they are bounden and haue ben accustomed to do in to the kynges eschequer, & vpon suche peynes as be lymitted and appoynted by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the said maister of the wardes and liueries, and the surueour attourney and general receiuour of the sayde courte, or thye of them, wherof the sayd maister or surueour to be one, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this present acte, after suche offices and inquisitions founde as is aforesayde, to couenaunt & indent with euery person and persons for his & theyr lyuery of the castels manours lordshippes landes tenementes and hereditamentes copyheld or not copyheld in such offices, & to make and set the rate and pryce for the same, and to appointe and fix the dayes of payment therof by obligatiō or obligacions to be taken for the same to the kyng our soueraygne lord. which obligatiō and obligacions so made and euery of them, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall be of lyke auctoritie and strengthe as obligacions to be taken by auctoritie of the same court of the kinges wardes be of, by vertue of the sayde former acte. And that all and synghular bylles for any special or general lyuery to be sued, assygned by the handes of the sayd maister surueour attourney receiuour or thye of them, wherof the sayde maister

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mayster of surueyours to be one, shal be a good & sufficient Warrant as well to the Chauncellour of Englande, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers, hauinge power to passe lueries vnder any of the kynges seales, for the makynge out sealyng and helyuerie of any luyers, accordynge to the tenour purpote and effect of suche bylles, with other clauses of course necessary for the same; any lawe or custome to the contrary herof not withstandinge.

**¶** Provided alway and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the lordes Priuite seale, the lord greite Chamberlaine, the kynges chiefe and principal secretaries, the master of the Rolles, & the kynges clarkes of the signet & priuite seale, the clarkes of the petty bag, and all and euery other officer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncery or elles where in any other courtes, where suche luyeries shal passe, shal haue and be payed all suche their fees as hath bene accustomed: all whiche fees shal be receyued and payed by the handes of the clarkes of the petty bag, if the luyerie be sued in the Chauncery, or by other Clarkes, by whose handes luyeries shalbe writte in other courtes, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

**¶** And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons from henceforth may sue at theyr pleasure a general luyerie for any manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value shal not excede .xx.l. after office therof by writ or commission founde returned and certyfied as is aforesayde.

**¶** Provided alwayes that no such luyerie shal passe or be sued without a byl or warraunt to be first obtained for the same from the said master of the warres and luyeries, and the sayde surueyours attourney & general receiuer or thre of them, and syghed and subscribed with the names and handes of the sayd mayster surueyours attourney and generall receiuer or thre of them, as is aforesayde.

**¶** And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof a general luyerie may be sued by auctoritie of this acte, excede the clere yerely value of .v.li. that then suche as shal sue and haue suche general luyerie for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, excedynge the clere yerely value of .v.li. shal paye for the seale therof. xx.s. iiii.d. and all other suche fees as heretofore in suche cases hath ben accustomed in and vpon the luyng of any general luyeries. And if the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherof any suche general luyerie shal be sued, excede not the clere yerely value of .v.li. that then euery person and persones, suynge for any general luyerie for any landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, not excedynge the clere yerely value of .v.li. shal paye suche fees as heretofore solo with and none other: That is to say, for the seale of euery such luyerie. xii.d. And to the clarkes of the petty bag for the writynge and enrolyng therof. xx.d. And for the respite of homage in the hanapay. viii.d. And to the lord greite Chamberlayne. xx.d. And to the mayster of the Rolles. xx.d.

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And



And to the Clarke of the Exchequer for the warrant and encollage of the livery. xx. d.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that no person or persones shall pay in the kynges Exchequer or any other court for the respite of homage, or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value exceedeth not. b. li. above. viii. d. And for the entyng therof and warrant of attourney abone. viii. d. And that the value of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not exceedynge the yerely value of. xx. li. shall be taken as it is lymitted in the offices founden therof, excepte by the examination and certificate of the sayd maister of the wardes and lueries, and the said suryowr attourney and general receyvoor of thre of them as is aforesayde, it shall otherwys appere and be declared in any of the kynges courtres.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all and every such person and persons, whiche shall be named and certified into the kynges chancery by the lord Treasorer of Englande, to be Eschetour, shall within one moneth nexte after his letters patentes shall be offered vnto him, take vpon hym the execution of the same office, or elles appere in the sayde Exchequer, and shewe a resonable cause why he ought not so to do. And yf any such person so named and certified to be Eschetour do not appere as is aforesayde within one moneth nexte after notyce to him gyuen as is aforesayd, nor shewe any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shall lose and forfayte for every suche default. xx. li. to the king our soueraigne lord, to be leuied to his maiesties vse in any his highnes of courtres Record.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that no Eschetour after the fyrste daye of Maye nexte comynge, shall sytte onely by vertue of his office for inquire of the tenure tytle or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes bene of the value of. b. li. by the yerely or above, and holden of the kyng, without the kynges wytt to be directed to him for the same, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte for every tyme that he shall syt and make inquiry contrary to the fourme of this estatute. b. li. Nor that any Eschetour shall take for the fyndyng of any office of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shall not excede the clere yerely value of. b. li. above the summe of. xv. s. That is to saye for the exchetours fee. vi. s. viii. d. and for the wytyng of the office. iii. s. iii. d. and for the charges of the iury. iii. s. And for the officers and ministers that shall receyue the sayd office in any court of record. ii. s. vpon peyne that every Eschetour offendynge this acte shall lose and forfayte for every tyme so offendynge. b. li. And that the officers and ministers of every court of Record, where such inquisition shall be returned, beyng offered vnto them within one moneth nexte after the fyndyng therof, shall receyue and take the same, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte for every tyme offendynge this act. b. l. The one moytie of all whiche forfayture aforesayde shall be to the king our souerayne lord, & the other moite therof to the party that wil sue for the same in any

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In any of the kynges courtes of record, in whiche suite the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or esoyne shall be allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf the sayde suruey-our of the lyueries, or the clerke of the same, do wyllyngly withdraw or concele any recorde or profit, that shulde come or growe to the kynges maiestie his heyres or successours, by reason of the same: that than he or they so offendynge shal lose to the kyng our souerayne lord his heyres and successours the double value of the thyng so concealed or withdrawn, the same to be leuied and recovered agaynst suche persons so offending vpon an informati-on therof to be made by the partie grieved. And the same duely proued in the same court of the wardes and lyueries.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde mapster for the tyme beyng, shal haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisaunces of all and euery persone and persones, that shall be callid into the court of the wardes and lyueries, to answer to any matter alleged agaynst them in the sayde court, to make there dayly apperaynce in the sayd court, to answer to such matter as to them than and there from tyme to tyme shal be alleged. And that all suche recognisaunces, of what summe so euer they be, shal be as good and effectual in the law to al intentes and purposes, as recognisaunces taken in the kynges high court of chauncery, or elles where befoze any iudge of recorde within this realme. And that the sayde mapster for the tyme beyng, with the aduise of the court, or of suche number of the same, as than shal be present: so that they be two besydes the sayde mapster, shal haue full power and auctoritie to moderate suche recognisaunces, as be or shal be there forsayd, and to sette fynes for the same to the kynges vse, vnder the summes conteyned in the sayde recognisaunces: The same fynes to be leuied by lyke proces of *Scire facias*, as by the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of our soueraigne lord the kynges reygne is gyuen to the chauncellour of the court of augmentation of the reuenues of his graces crowne. And that the sayd mapster for the tyme beyng, with the aduise aforesayde, shal haue power and auctoritie to comyt to ward any person or persons for his or their disobedience contempt or other offence made or to be made, triable within the kynges sayd court of the wardes and lyueries, and vpon the sayd matters ordered or decreed there, to deliuer them from pryson, and to cancelle and make voyde al recognisaunces and obligations taken or hereafter to be taken in the same court to the kynges vse, whan and as often as the sayd mapster, with the aduise of the sayde court or thye of them, shal see and perceyue the matters and causes, for the whyche any suche recognisaunce or obligation hath or hereafter shal happen to be taken, to be synished and ended, and the kynges grace his heyres or successours, or the party ther vppon satisfied, without any other warrant for the same.

¶ And be it further enacted, that all and euery such heyre and heyres, which hereafter shall be in case to sue liuerie, where the landes and tenementes of the sayde heyre or heyres excede not the perely value of .v. li. that than euery

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such heyre shal lawfully sue forth his general lyuery by warrant to be made and hadde from the sayd court of the kynges wardes and lyueries, as afore sayde, although there be none other inquisition or inquisitions therof than had ne certified, and that this acte shal be warrant sufficient as well to the Chauncellour of Englande, Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and offycers of the kynges courtes, hauing power to passe lyueries vnder any the kynges seales, for the making out sealenge and deliuary of any lyueries accordyng to the tenour purpoyse and effect of suche bylles, with other clauses of courte necessary for the same, saveinge for the fees of euery suche lyuerye, as is before expresse, for the fees of generall lyueries, not excedyng the pecely value of .v. li. as though the same lyuerye were made and sued forth vpon an office found by vertue of the kynges writ, any lawe heretofore made or other thing in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that all and every person and persons, to whom the kynges highnes shal graunt any lyuerye in forme afore sayde, to be sued by all his byll assigned therof with the kynges moigratiuous hand, or with the handes of the officers of his gracie court of the wardes and lyueries, as before is expresse, sue forth his patente within thye monethes next after the assignement of the sayde byll, or elles the same byll and the effecte thereof to be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that the Clerkes of the Wety bagge in the Chauncerye, shal not be compellyd to certifye anye Transcrypte of any offyce in to the kynges Eschequer, but thyle in the yere: That is to saye, They shal certifye the transcryptes of all offyces founden and retourned in to the Chauncerye, betwene Easter and sayncte Mychaell the archangelle pecely in the terme of S. Mychaell. And the transcryptes of all offyces founden and retourned in to the sayde chauncerye betwene Myghelmasse and Easter, they shal certifye into the sayde Eschequer pecely in the terme of Easter, and not other wyse, any thing conteyned in this statute, or in any other statute heretofore made to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal in any wyse extende to be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any royalties lyberties, fraunchises priuiledges preeminences and iurisdiccions of the countie Palantyne and Duchy of Lancaster, or of any of them, but that the same royalties lyberties fraunchises priuiledges preeminences and iurisdiccions and curye of them, shal styll contynue and remayne to the countie Palantyne and Duchy of Lancaster, as fully plenary and holly as they byd before the makinge of this acte, any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte  
made in the thirthe yere of the kynges reygne.

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**I**n acte to procede by a commission of Oyer and determinet agaynst  
suche persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without remain-  
dyng the same to be tryed in the shyre where the of-  
fence was commytted. Cap. xxiij.



As moche as dyuerse and sundry persons vpon great  
groundes of behement suspitions, as well of hyghe treason  
pety treason and misprysions of treason, as of murders, be  
many tymes sente for frome diuerse the shyres and places of  
this realme, and other the kynges dominions, to the kynges  
maiesties great charges and expences, to be examyned before  
the kynges highnes counsell vpon their offences, to thintent that conuiction  
or declaration of suche persons shulde speedily ensue, as the merytes of their  
cases shulde require And albeit that after great trauayle taken in the exami-  
nations of suche persons it appere to the sayde counsell by confession witness  
or behement suspecte, that suche persones be rather gyltie of suche offences,  
wherof they be soo examyned, than otherwyle, yet neuerthelesse suche offen-  
dours so examined, by the course of the common lawe of this realme, muste  
be indited within the shyres or places where they commytted theyr offences  
and also tried by the inhabytauntes or freholders of suche shyres & places,  
althoughe by theyr confessions or by sufficient wytnes theyr offences be cer-  
tainly known to the kynges council, by reason wherof, belyde the trauaile  
& peines of the kynges maiesties council in such cases, the kynges highnes  
is oftentimes put to greate charges & expences, in remaundyng suche per-  
sons to the countreyes where they offended, there to be endyted & tryed of  
theyr offences. And sometyme the inhabitauntes and freeholders of the shy-  
res or places, where suche offences were done, be compelled to appere out of  
theyr shyres and places for suche causes, to theyr great charges, for the trial  
or declaration of suche offences: And sometyme by occasion of the charges  
for remaundyng of suche offendours to be endyted and tryed by the course  
of the common lawe, suche offendours lyghe stille in prysoun and be forgotten,  
wherby many tymes by helpe of theyr confederates they escape vnpunished,  
to the great courage & euyl example of euyl doers. Be it therfore enacted  
by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and by the assente of the lordes spiritual  
and tempozall, and the comunons of this present parlyament assembled, and  
by auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, beyng examined be-  
fore the kynges counsell or thye of them, vpon any maner of treasons mispri-  
sons of treasons or murders, do confesse any such offences, or that the sayde  
counsell or thye of them, vpon suche examination, shall thinke any person so  
examined, to be behemently suspected of any treason misprisions of treasons  
or murder; that than in euery suche case by the kynges comandement, his  
maiesties commission of Oyer and terminer, vnder his hyghnes great seale,  
shalbe made by the Chancellour of Englande to suche persons, and in to su-  
che shyres or places, as shalbe named and apoynted by the kynges hyghnes



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for the speedy tryall conuiction or deliuerance of suche offendours, whiche commissioners shal haue power and auctoritie to enquire here & determine all suche treasons mysprisions of treasons and murders, within the shires and places limited by thei? commission by suche good and lawfull persones as shalbe retourned befoze them by the shireffe or his mynister, or any other hauinge power to retourne wyttes and proces for that purpose, in what so euer other shire or place within the kynges domynions or without, suche offences of treasons mysprisions of treasons or murders soo examined, were done or commytted, and that in suche cases no chalenge for the shire or hundred shal be allowed

**¶** Provided that vppon the triall of suche treasons mysprisions of treasons and murders, the chalenge to any iurer for lacke of freehold of the verely value of .xl.s. shal be allowed as hath ben accustomed.

**¶** Provided also that if any the peeres of the realme shal happen to be endited of any of the offences aforesayd by vertu of any such commission to be granted by auctoritie of this act, yet neuerthelesse they shal haue thei? tryall by peeres in lyke maner & fourme as heretofore hath ben vled, any thyng in this act conteyned, or any thyng to be done by vertue therof in any wyse not withstanding And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that peremptory chalenge shal not from hensforth be admytted or allowed in any cases of hygh treason, nor mysprision of hygh treason.

**¶** An acte that no man shal be Justice of assise in his owne countrey. Cap. xliii.



Here in the parlyament holden in the .viii. yere of kyng Richard the seconde it was enacted ordeyned & established, that no man lerned in the lawes of this realme, shoulde from this forth be iustice of assise in the countrey where he dwelleth: And that the chiefe iustice of the comun place shulde be from thenforth assigned amonge other iustices to the takynge of the sayd assises, but as the chiefe iustice of the kynges beche there shulde be doone & vled, as hath ben vled for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next befoze, as by the sayd acte moze at large it both and may appere. Syns the making of whiche sayde good act & lawe dyuerse iustices & men lerned in the lawes of this realme, haue by thei? owne meanes industry and policy, & for thei? owne comoditie & ease, obteyned contrary to the forme of the sayde acte, to be iustices of assises in the countreys and counties where they were borne, or were inhabiting, wherby some gelap of their affection & fauour towarde thei? kynsemen allyance & frendes within the sayde countreys or counties, where they were so borne or inhabitynge, hath bene receyued had and agaynst them by the kynges most loupng subiectes of the same cuntreys & counties, for reformation wherof, the kynges moste loupng subiectes, & the comons in this present parliament assembled, most hably beseech  
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and despyze the kynges maiestie, & that it be enacted by the kynges maiesty, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no iustice noꝝ other man lerned in the lawes of this realme, shal at any tyme from oꝝ after the feast of Easter next cōpyng, vse noꝝ exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countie where the layde iustice was boꝝne oꝝ doth inhabite, vpon payne to forsayte foꝝ euery offence done cōtrary to the fourme of this pꝛesent act one hundred poũdes the moꝝtie wherof to be to our souerain lord the kyng, and the other moꝝtie therof to be to the partie that wyl sue foꝝ the same in any of the kynges courtes by byll playnt information a cion of debt, oꝝ other wyse, in the whiche sute no pꝛotection esloyn noꝝ wager of lawe shall be admitted noꝝ allowed.

**¶** Pꝛouided alway & be it further enacted by the auctorite afoꝝesayd, that this acte oꝝ any thyng herein conteyned shall not extende be cōstrued oꝝ interpreted to touche oꝝ concerne any person oꝝ persons, that nowe are oꝝ here after shalbe clerke oꝝ clerkes of assises, & shalbe associate to any Iustice of assise, of oꝝ in any countie cite oꝝ town within this realme of England, wher in the same person oꝝ persons clerke oꝝ clerkes so associate, do dwelle oꝝ were boꝝne, but that all and euery clerke and clerkes of assises, whiche nowe doo exercise oꝝ occupy, oꝝ hereafter shal exercise oꝝ occupy any office of clerkshyp of assises, shal and maye exercise and occupy the same in any countie cite oꝝ towne, wherin the same cleke oꝝ clerkes of assises do dwell oꝝ were boꝝne, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** Pꝛouided also that these termes, Iustices of assises, oꝝ other persons lerned in the lawes of the realme, shall not extend oꝝ in any byle be interpreted to any mayres shyꝛeffes recorderes stewardes baillyffes sewters oꝝ other officers, being boꝝne oꝝ dwelling within any cite borough oꝝ towne within this realme of Englande, but that they may be iustices of assises, of freche foꝝce oꝝ of other assises in the same cite borough oꝝ towne, where he oꝝ they doo oꝝ shall dwell, oꝝ were boꝝne, as they oꝝ any of theym befoꝝe this tyme haue oꝝ myght haue ben to all ententes & purposes, any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**¶** Pꝛouided alwayes, that this acte noꝝ any thyng therein cōteyned, shalbe pꝛejudiciall to any iustice oꝝ iustices of the one bench oꝝ oꝝ other, foꝝ takynge herynge oꝝ determinynge assises in the sayd courtes in the one benche oꝝ the other, noꝝ to any iustice that shal take any assise by oꝝ vpon adiournement foꝝ difficultie of the same.

**¶** Pꝛouided alway & be it enacted that any clerke of assise, durynge the onely tyme of the session, of oꝝ foꝝ any assise oꝝ assises, oꝝ of oꝝ foꝝ any assispius, shall not be of coucell with any person oꝝ persons within any circuite wherof he shal be clerke of assise, other wise than to that office onely appertayneth, vpon payne to forsayte foꝝ euery tyme offendynge contrarye to this estatute. *It. the one moꝝtie therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, & the other moꝝtie to the party greued, to be sued in any of the kynges courtes of*



tes of recoꝛde by action of debte, byll, playnte, infoꝛmation, oꝛ otherwyse, in whiche suite no esoyne pꝛotection wazer of lawe oꝛ other dilatoꝛy plea shall be admitted oꝛ allowed.

**P**ꝛouided also & be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie abouesayde, that this act oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, eptende not vnto the iustices iustyce clerkes oꝛ clerke of assises, within our soueraygne loꝛde the kynges Duchy and county palantine of Lancaster, noꝛ to any of them that now be oꝛ hereafter shall be, but that the same iustices iustice clerkes and clerke, and euerye of theym, shall and maye execute theyꝛ offices and euery of theym, in suche maner and fourme as they oꝛ any of theym haue vsed to do befoze the makynge of this pꝛesent acte, this acte oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the cōtrarye therof notwithstandynge.

**A**n acte foꝛ the makynge free certayne chyldzen boꝛne beyonde the sea, and to put the same chyldzen in the nature of mere englyshemen. Cap. xxv.

**W**here Thomas Boynts of London grosser, occuppeng the feate of marchādyle in the partes beyond the sea, maryed there a woman of that countrey boꝛne, and had by her in laufull matrimony dyuerse chyldzen yet lyupng, whiche intēde by goddis grace to be the kynges fapthfull and obedient subiectes, where also Wyllyam Castelyn of London mercer, occupienge in the parties of Leuāt, within the cite of Chio in Grecia, toke to his wyfe one Angeleta, doughter of Wychaell Willacho of the same citie, and had by her in lawfull matrimony a sonne called Edward yet lyupnge, whiche lykewyse intendeth by goodis grace to be the kynges faithfull and obediēte subiecte. And where also Johñ Dymocke, late one of the gentylmen vñhers of the kynges moſte honoꝛable chaumber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to wytte in Andwarpe in the countie of Szabande, about the kynges affaires, and there toke to his wyfe Beatrice, doughter of one Johñ van Clene, and hadde by her in laufull matrimony a sonne called Johñ Dymocke yet lyupnge, which intendeth (god wyllynge) to be the kynges fapthfull and obedient subiecte: Wherfoze be it enacted and establyshed by the kynges hyghnes, with the assente of the loꝛdes spirytuall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoꝛitie of the same, that as wel the sayde Johñ Dymocke, the sonne of Johñ Dymocke, and Edward Castelyn, as all the sayde chyldzen of the sayde Thomas Boynts now boꝛne and euerye of theym, shall be from hencefoꝛthe reputed and taken the kynges naturall subiectes, as lawfull persones boꝛne within this realme of Englande, and as fre persones, to all intentes constructions and pourposes, as if they and euerye of theym hedde benne boꝛne within this realme of Englande, and also shall from hencefoꝛthe by the sayde auctoꝛitie, be enabled and adiudged able to all intentes constructions and purposes, as well

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to demaunde chalenge haue and enioye landes, tenementes, and heredita-  
mentes, as heire or heires to any of his or theiꝝ auncestours, by reason on-  
ly of any discent righte or title, whiche after the fyfte daye of this parlia-  
ment shall discent accue come or growe vnto them or to any of them, and  
to haue and enioy landes tenementes and hereditamentes by waye of pur-  
chase or gyft of any persone, or persons, as also for to prosecute and defende  
all maner of actions and suites, and all other lafull thynges what so euer  
to do as lyberally frankely lafully surely and freely, as yf they and euerie  
of them had bene naturally borne within this realme of Englande, and as  
any other person or persons naturally borne within this realme of England  
maye lafully do, any lawe acte statute custome ordinaunce or other thinge  
what so euer had made done ordeyned proclaimed or prouided to the contra-  
ry hereof in any wyse not withstandynge.

**An acte to make frustrate certayne conueyances deuiled by**  
**syꝝ John Shelton. Cap. cxxi.**



**W**hereas syꝝ John Shelton knyght deceased, beyng a man  
of great possessions in his lyfe tyme by the aduise of synister  
counceyl practised deuiled and made by couayne diuers craft-  
ty dedes estates and other conueyances in the lawe, as well  
vnto him selfe as to other persones, of and in his manours  
landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the countyes of  
Norfolke and Suffolke, not onely to the intente to disceyue and exclude the  
kinges maiestie of his primer leason prerogatiue wardshipp and ryghtes of  
and in the premisses, but also to thintent to disceyue and exclude the nobles  
and other the kinges lowyng subiectes of their wardshipp, relieves and suche  
lyke seruike, as shulde accue growe and come vnto them by reason of their  
tenyres in the premisses, that is to wytte, The sayde syꝝ John Shelton, by  
his dede indented, bearynge date the fyftene daye of December, in the xxxi.  
yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. viii. in the  
of and in diuers of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in  
the sayd countyes of Norfolke and Suffolke, one John Wynnes to haue, by  
to him and to his heires vpon condition, that the same John Wynnes with  
in fyftene days than next ensuiing, shuld by his dede indented gyue the same  
manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayd syꝝ John Shel-  
ton and his assignes for terme of .lxxxix. yeres, than nexte folowynge, with-  
out impechement of waste, the remaynder therof after the same terme ended  
to Rauffe Shelton gentilman, sonne and heire apparant of John Shelton  
esquyre, sonne and heire of the sayd syꝝ John Shelton, and to the heires ma-  
les of the bodye of the sayde Rauffe Shelton gentilman lafully begotten  
and for default of suche yssue the remaynder thereof to the heires, males of  
the bodye of the sayd syꝝ John Shelton lafully begotten, with diuers other  
remaynders ouer, as by the sayd dede indeted amoges other thinges therin

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conteyned moze playnly is shewed & may appere. And also the said syr John Shelton, by one other dede indented bearyng date the sayde fyftene day of September, in the sayd .xxxi. yere of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges reygne, dyd gyue dyuers other of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayde John Wynnes, to haue vnto him & to his heires vpon conditio, that the sayd John Wynnes within fyftene days than next folowynge shuld by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to dame Anne thā wyfe of the said syr John Shelton for terme of her lyfe, the remaynder therof after her decease to the sayde syr John Shelton for terme of his lyfe, without impechement of waste, and after his decease the remaynder therof to the sayde John Shelton esquire, without impechement of waste, for terme of .lx. yerres (yf he soo longe lyued) and after the same terme determined, the remaynder therof to the sayd Rafe Shelton gentylmā, and to the heires males of his body laufully begotten & for default of such yssue, the remaynder therof to the heires males of the body of the sayd syr John Shelton laufully begotten, with diuers other remaynders ouer. And mozeouer the sayde syr John Shelton by the same his dede indented dyd gyue dyuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the sayde countyes of Norfolk and Suffolke, to the sayde John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heires and assignes for euer vpon conditio that the same John Wynnes, within .xv. days than nexte folowynge, shuld by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to the sayde dame Anne for terme of .lxxxi. yerres, than nexte folowynge: and yf the sayde dame Anne shulde fortune to dye within the same terme, than the remaynder therof to the sayde syr John Shelton his executours and assignes during the residue of the same terme, and after the same terme ended, than the same premysles to remayne to the sayde Rafe Shelton gentylman, and to the heires males of his body laufully begotten, and for default of such yssue the remaynder therof to the heires males of the body of the sayde syr John Shelton laufully begotten, with dyuers other remaynders ouer, as by the same dede indented amonges other thinges therein conteyned moze playnly is shewed and maye appere. And as it appereth as well by writynge as other wyse, the sayd John Wynnes after that by his seuerall dedes indented, bearyng date in the sayde moneth of September, executed seuerall estates of and in all and synigular the premysles, acco:dyng to the sayde seuerall dedes of feoffement with condicions therein conteyned. And moze ouer the sayd syr John after that declared his laste wyll of and in the premysles for and to thintent aforesayd. All whiche matters after the deathe of the sayde syr John Shelton, bryngge reueled vnto the kynges most royall maiestie, was by his graces commaundement, delyberately examyned befoze the lordes of his moste honorable counceyl, befoze whome vpon the examination therof, it playnly appered, as well by the confessions of the parties and deuyfours of the same writynge and dedes, as otherwise, that þ sayd dedes estates wil & other conueiances, made in the  
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lyfe of the faide sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, were deuised had and made by couynne for & to thintent aforesayde, by reason wherof the sayd John Shelton esquier sonne & heire of the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, beinge aboue the age of xxi. yeres at the tyme of the deathe of his sayde father, dyd sue a speyal lyuery out of the kynges maiesties handes, of and in all the sayde manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as heire vnto the sayde sy<sup>r</sup> John his father, as of recorde moze playnly appereth. For the playne declaration of the aduoppyng and adnichilatyng of the sayd crafty and boyde dedes estates wyl and conueyances, deuised by fraude and coueyne as is aforesayde: Be it ordeyned established and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singular the sayd dedes estates wyl and other conueyances had and made as is aforesayde, and the possessions and lyuery of leason therbyon made and deliuered accordyngly, and also al and singular gyftes grauntes remainders reuertions articles clauses and wordes in theym and euery of them conteyned, be demed and adiudged clerely boyde and of none effect, to al intentes constructyons and purposes. And that the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, by the auctoritie of this present parlyment, be demed reputed & adiudged in actual and real possession at the tyme of hys death of, and in al & singular the said manours lades tenementes and hereditamentes, of the same or like estate of inheritance, as if no such dede or dedes estates wyl or other couerances had neuer ben had or made, and also of the same estate of enheritance, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes were in the sayd sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton at or before the makynge of the sayd leuerall dedes estates wyl and other conueyances, the sayd dedes estates wyl and conueyances or any of them, or any thyng in them or any of the contened to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge. ¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, be not in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtful vnto the sayd dame Anne Shelton, for or concerning any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes assigned or appointed sythen the deathe of the said sy<sup>r</sup> John vnto the same dame Anne onely for terme of her life, by reason of a warde made by the high and mighty prince Thomas duke of Norffolk, lord Treasourer of Englarde, or by any couenant boude or agreement had or made by the said John Shelton esquier sythen the deth of the said sy<sup>r</sup> John Shelton, any thing in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**A**n acte for leases of hospitals colleges, & other corporations to be good and effectuell with the consent of the moze partye. Cap. xxvii.



¶ Be it that by the common lawes of this realme of Englande, all assentes elections grauntes and leases, had made and graunted by the deane wardeyn prouost maister presidente or other gouernour of any cathed<sup>r</sup>all churche hospitall college or other corporation, by what so euer name they be incorporate or founded, with



with the assent and consent of the more or greater parte of they? chapter fel-  
lowes or byetherne of suche corporation, haupng voices of assente therunto  
be as good and effectual in the law to the grauntees and lessees of the same,  
as yf the residue or the hole number of suche chapter felowes and byetherne  
of suche corporation haupng voices of assente, had therunto consented and  
agreed: Yet the sayd common lawes not withstandynge, diuers founders of  
suche deaneries hospitalles colleges & corporations within this said realme  
haue vpon the foundation and establisshement of the same deaneries hospi-  
talles colleges and other corporations establisshed & made amonges other  
they? peculpar acttes, locall statutes and ordinaunces, that if any one of such  
corporation haupng power or auctoritie to assent or dissent, shuld & wolde  
deny any such graunt or grauntes, that then no such lease election or graunt  
shuld be had graunted or leased, and for the performante of the same euery  
person haupng power of assent to the same, haue ben and be dayly therunto  
sworne, & so the residue may not procede to the perfection of suche elections  
grauntes and leases, accor dyng to the course of the common lawes of thys  
realme, oneles they shulde incurre & daunger of perjury: For the aduoyding  
wherof & for the due execution of the common lawes vniuersally within this  
realme & euery place in one conformity of reason to be vled: Be it ordeined  
establisshed and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that al  
and euery peculpar act order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter  
to be made by any founder or foundres of any hospital colledge deanery or o-  
ther corporation, at or vpon the foundatio of any such hospital college dean-  
ry or corporatiō, whethyr the graunt lease gyfte or election of the gournour  
or ruler of such hospitall college deanry or other corporation, with the assent  
of the more parte of such of the same hospital college deanry or corporation,  
as haue or shall haue voyce of assent to the same, at the tyme of such graunt  
lease gyft or election hereafter to be made, shulde be in any wyse hyndered or  
let by any one or mo being the lesser number of suche corporation, contrarye  
to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of En-  
gland, shal be froin hensforth clerely frustrate voyd and of none effect: And  
that al othes heretofore taken by any person or persons of such hospital col-  
lege deanry and other corporation, shalbe for and concernynge the obseruāce  
of any suche order estatute or rule, demed voyde and of none effect: And that  
from hensforth no maner person or persons of any suche hospitall colledge  
deanry or other corporation, shal be in any wyse compelled to take any othe  
for the obsetynge of any suche order estatute or rule, vpon the peyn of euery  
persone gynnyng suche othe, to forsayte for euery tyme so offendynge. v. li.  
the one mopty therof to be to the vble of our soueraigne lord the kynge, and  
the other moptye therof to any of the kynges subiecttes, whyche wyll sue for  
the same, in any of the kynges courtes of recoorde by action of debte, bylle,  
plaint, information or other wyse, wherin the defendannt shal not be admitted  
to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor eslopnge, or any other delatozpe plea  
admytted or allowed.

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An acte for the chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of the augmentations, and certayne other noble men to reterne chapleyns. Cap. xxviii.

**V**HERE in the parliament holden at Westm, in the xxi. yere of your most gracious reigne, it was amonges other thinges ordeyned and prouved, that certayne honorable persons & other of your highnes counsellours and officers, as well spiritual as tempozall, shuld and moughte haue chapleyns beneficed with cure, to serue and attende vpon them in theyr houses, which chapleyns shall not incurre the daunger of any penaltie or forfayture made or declared in the same parliament, for none resydence vppon theyr sayde benefices, or for obteyninge lycences for dispensations of pluralities, in which act is no prouisiō made for any the head officers of your graces seueral courtes of your duchy of Lancaster, the courtes of augmentations of the reuenues of your highnes crowne, the first frutes and tenthes, the mayster of your maiesties wardes and liueries, the generall surueyors of your graces landes, and other your graces courtes. In consideration wherof it maye please your maiestie, that it maye be enacted by youre highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the Chauncelloure of the sayde courte of the duchy of Lancaster, the Chauncellour of your hyghnes courte of augmentations, the chauncellour of your graces courte of firste frutes and tenthes, the mayster of your highnes wardes and liueries, and euery of your graces generall surueyors of your highnes landes, the tresourer of your graces chamber, the tresourer of your hyghnes court of augmentations, & the grome of your graces stoole, and euery of the for the tyme being shal and may retayne synghulerly to euery of them in his house, or attendant vnto his person, one chapleyn hauing one benefice with cure of soules, whiche maye be absente from his sayd benefice, and not resident vpon the same, the sayde estatute made in the sayd xxi. yere of your moste gracious reigne, or any other estatute act or ordinaunce made to the contrary in any wyse not withstandinge.

Wherbynd alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery of the sayde chapleyns, so beinge beneficed as is aforesayd, and dwellinge with any the officers afoze named, shal personally repayre two times in euery yere at the leaste to his sayd benefice and cure, and there to tary and abide by the space of viii. dayes at euerye suche tyme at the leaste, to visite and instructe his sayd cure, vpon the payne to forfayte for euery tyme so forlanginge the one moztie therof to the kynge oure soueraygne lord, the other to suche as byll sue for the same by action of debte byll playnte or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of record, in whiche suite no essoyne protection or wager of lawe shall be allowed.

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An acte to enable persons late religious to sue  
and to be sued. Cap. xxix.



WE in the parlyament holden at Westmynster, the  
xviii. daye of Apryl, in the. xxxi. yere of the reygne of our  
louerapgne lord Henry the. viii. by the grace of god kyng  
of Englande Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the  
faythe, and of the churche of Englande and also of Ire-  
lande in erthe the suppreme head: It was and is ordeyned  
and enacted by auctoritie of the sayde parlyament, that all  
and synguler suche religious persones, as well men as women professed, of  
what order rule or habyt so euer they were, which theyme were or after that  
tyme shoulde be put at theyr libertties from the daungier seruitude and con-  
dition of their religion and profession, wherunto they were professed, by rea-  
son of suppression dissoluyng or capture by attaynder. rendering or other  
wyse gpyng to the handes of the kynges maiestie, theyr houses monas-  
teries and possessions: shulde, by auctoritie of the sayde parlyament, from and  
after the first day of the same parlyament, and from and after the tyme that  
they were or shulde be putte at suche liberttie, haue free lybertie to purchase  
to them and to theyr heires in fee simple fee tale for terme of lyfe for reues  
or at wyll, manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other heredi-  
tamentes and thinges what so euer they were, in lyke maner and fourme as  
though they or any of them had neuer ben professed nor entred into any such  
religion, & that the same religious persons and euery of them, by auctoritie  
of the sayd acte of parlyament, shuld be able to sue and to be sued in al maner  
of actions plaintes & suites, what so euer they were of and for any matter or  
cause growen sithe and after the tyme of their seueral detrainmentes or de-  
parting out of their religion, in all courttes places and iurisdictiones within  
this realme of Englande, as other the kynges subiectes were, and that they  
and euey of them shulde and might from that tyme vse and exercise receyue  
take haue and enioy al and euey laful thing and thinges from thenforth  
to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of them, after the sayd de-  
traineinent or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner  
fourme and conditiō, as if they had neuer ben professed nor entred in to re-  
ligion, this same profession or religion, or any law custome or vse within the  
sayde realme of Englande to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstan-  
dyng, as by the sayde acte amonge other articles clauses and promys more  
playnly appereth: And for as moch as dyuerse ambiguities & doubtes daye  
ly do arise, whether the sayde acte extend vnto suche late religious persons as  
were in diuers late religious houses & monasteries, which by the kynges  
highnes were immediatlye transposed and translated from their religioyn  
and old incorporation into a newe incorporation, and neuer came and remay-  
ned in his gracious habes, neyther by suppression, dissolving, or capture by  
attaynder, ne suche lyke, accor dyng to the wordes of the sayde former acte.

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In aduopdyng of whiche sayd ambiguities and doubtes: Be it nowe ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, and that the sayd acte of parlyament aboue remembred, made in the saye. xxi. yere. shall extende as well to all suche persons, whiche be lyuyng, that were religious persons in any of the sayde houses, which were so translated and transposed from one cozpozation into an other whiche at any tyme was pzoessed or were religious personnes, in any of the sayde houses within this realme of Englande, and that they and euerye of them from the tyme of theyr sayde seuerall deraignement and dyscharge of theyr sayd pzoessions and religions, shalbe in lyke qualitie estate condition and degree, and also shall take haue and enioy lyke benefite commoditie pzoofite and aduantage, & with lyke pzoouiso onely, and not otherwyle, to euery entent and in euery thyng, as any other religious person or personnes may and shall haue, take, and enioy by vertue of the sayde fozmer acte aboue remembred, the same pzoession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse to the contrary therof in any wyle notwithstanding.

**An acte confirmyng the auctoritie of the Deane and Chapter of Lichfield, in makyng leases and other grauntes. Cap. xxx.**



**W**HERE befoze this tyme the chapter vnto the see and bishoprike of Couentre & Lichfield, was the prioure and couent of the late priory or monastery of our blessed lady of Couentre, within the countie of the citie of Couentre, And the deane and chapter of the cathedrall churche of Lichfielde in the countie of Stafforde, by reason wherof all leases grauntes and estates, made of any the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offyces or any other thing belongyng or appertaynyng vnto the said see and bishopryke, or wherof the byshop of the sayde see of Couentre and Lychfielde for the tyme being, was sealed in the ryght of the sayd bishoprike, or goyng out of any of the sayd manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes belongyng vnto the same bishopryke, whiche shuld be good or of any effecte in the lawe to bynde his successours in succession after the death of the sayd bishop of the said bishoprike for the tyme beyng grauntour lessour or gyuer of any the pzemysles, as is aforesayde, ought to be made in wytyng by the same byshop for tyme beyng vnder his seale, & in his lyfe tyme to be also by wytyng sealed with the comynon seale of the priour and couent for the tyme beyng of the sayde late priory or monastery of Couentre, and also with the chapter seale of the deane and chapter for the tyme beinge of Lichfielde, ratyfied and confyrmed: whiche sayde priory or monastery of Couentre dyuers yeres now was paste lawfully dyscolued extyncte and determined, all be it sythen that tyme dyuers and sundry gyftes grauntes and leases haue ben made in wytyng of and in parcel of the pzemysles, or goyng out of

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the same, by the nowe byshop of the sayd byshoppe, and also confirmed in wrytyng, by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesayd, vnder their chapter seale. And forasmuch as it is in doubt and question amonges diuers persons, whether the confirmation of the sayd deane and chapter of Lichfield is sufficient in the lawe, to make perfite and good suche gyftes grauntes and leases heretofore, sythen the dissolution of the sayd late priory, made or hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the byshop of the sayde see, or byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for the tyme being, of any manors landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other thyng belonging to the same byshoppe, or going out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in wryting by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesayd, shulde be good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the said nowe byshop, accordyng to the tenour purport and effect of the same gyftes grauntes leases and other wrytynges, so made by the sayde byshop, and confyrmmed by the sayde deane and chapter of Lichfield, as is aforesayde: by occasion wherof, dyuers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe lyues and yerres, as other maye be put to great vexacions suptes troubles and losse of theyr goodes, to theyr great empoueryment. In eschewyng of whiche sayd ambiguities questions and doubttes, and of all suptes vexacions and troubles, that myght ensue by meanes therof: Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that al & singuler gyftes grauntes leases & other wrytinges, at any tyme sythen the dissolution of the sayd late priory or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the byshop of Couentre & Lichfield for the tyme being, in wrytyng vnder his seale, of any manors landes tenementes hereditamentes offices fees or any other thyng belonging to the sayd byshoppe, or goyng out of any the same premysses, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfield for the tyme being in wrytyng vnder theyr chapter seale, shall be and stande good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayde byshop accordyng to the tenours purportes and effectes of the same gyftes grauntes and leases, made and hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the sayde byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for tyme being, and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfield as is aforesaid. And that by the same anthozitie the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesayd, and theyr successours for the tyme being, shalbe from henceforth for euer accepted taken reputed and adiudged to be the full entier and sole see and chapter of the sayde byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield, and belongyng and appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe, in name nature auctoritie and qualytie, to all intentes, constructions, and pourposes, as the sole chapter of the same byshoppe: And shall haue full power and auctoritie to ratifye and confyrm in wrytyng vnder theyr chapter seale, all and all maner gyftes, grauntes, and leases, hereafter to be made or graunted in wrytyng by any byshoppe of the sayde

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sayd byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for the tyme being, vnder his seale, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belonging vnto the sayde byshoppe, or of any rentes offices or other yerely profytes out of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any parcelle thereof, in as ample and large maner fourme and condition, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the deane and chapiter of sayncte Paule in London for the tyme being, maye lausfully ratifye or confirme in writynge vnder their chapiter seale, any gyfte graunte or lease made or hereafter to be made in writynge by the byshop of London for tyme being, vnder his seale, of any lades tenementes offices or other profites belongyng to his byshoppe of London.

**P**rovided alwayes, that this act or any thyng therin conteyned, do not extende to bynde any foundour or gyuer of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of the said sea and bishoprike of Couentre and Lichfield, or therunto belongyng, of for or concernyng all suche actions and suites, as they or any of them may shuld or ought to haue by reason of any alienation in fee symple or in fee tayle, hereafter to be made of any the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayde byshoprike of Couentre and Lichfelde, or of any part therof.

**P**rouyded also, that this act or any thing therin conteyned, extend not to any cophholde lades of the same byshoprike, letten out by copy of court roll after custome and maner, but that the same copies, and the estate and estates of the cophholders therein, shall continue remayne and be of suche strength and effect, as al other cophholders be accepted, and taken by and in the lawe of this realme, and of no other strength or effect.

**P**rouyded also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act or any thyng therin conteyned, be not in any wyle prejudiciall or hurtful to the byshop of Chester for the tyme beinge, nor yet to the deane and chapiter of Chester, for or concernyng any office or offices belongyng or appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe of Chester, or to the deane and chapiter of Chester aforesayde.

**A**n act disseuerynge the byshopriche of Chester, and of the ple of Man, from the iurisdiction of Canturbury, to the iurisdiction of Yorke. Cap. xxi.

**W**H E R E as the kynges hyghnes of hys mooste gracious goodnes, as well for the aduancement of Chyristes religion as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearynge date the. xvi. day of July, in the. xxxiii. yere of his noble reigne, erected, founded and establisshed in the late monastery of saynte Werberge, in his cyte of Chester, a cathedrall churche, or byshops see, wyllyng the same to be named and callyd the byshopriche or byshops see of Chester, and to the same hath appoynted

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appoynted lymytes and bondes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeyning  
 & wylling the same to be named and callid the diocese of Chester. And amon  
 ges other thinges hath appoynted vnyted & annexed to the sayde diocese of  
 Chester, the archdeaconry of Richemont, and all the iurisdiction thereof,  
 whyche archdeaconry was of late parcell of the dyocese of Yorke, & moze-  
 ouer hath the same hole and entier diocese of Chester, with all the lymittes  
 and boundes, and all thynges annexed appoynted and vnyted to the same,  
 decreed ordeyned and establyshed to be of the prouynce of the archebysshop  
 of Canturbury, and vnder the iurisdiction metropolitcal of the same, as in  
 the same letters patentes dothe moze largely appere. For as moche as his  
 sayde hyghnes graciously consydereth, that the sayd archbysshop of Cantur-  
 bury hath a sufficient number of diocesses & suffragans vnder hym and in  
 his prouynce, and that the archebysshop of Yorke hath within the realme of  
 Englande onely two suffraganes, and moze ouer, that yf the sayde dyocesse  
 shulde remaine vnder the sayde archebysshop of Canturbury, that than all  
 his hyghnes subiectes of all that dyocesse of Chester, and so of the archdea-  
 conry of Richemount, shulde be constrayned for appeles to resorte to the au-  
 dience of Canturbury, whyche thinge to many of the sayde dyocese, and spe-  
 cially to them of the archdeaconry of Richemount, shoulde be by reason of  
 longe iourney of almoste. iiii. C. myles from somme places therof, intollera-  
 ble fatigation and importable charges, and therfore tenderly, lyke a mooste  
 gracpouse prince studyenge and caryng for his sayd subiectes most comono-  
 ditie quietnes and ease, bypon further deliberation hath with the aduyse of  
 his moost honozable counsaile determined and ordeyned to remoue & disse-  
 uer the sayd byshoppyche and diocesse of Chester, from the said prouynce and  
 archbysshoppyche of Canturbury, and to vnyte and annexe the same to the  
 prouynce and archbysshoppyche of Yorke, as a dyocesse membze & byshoppyche  
 of the same: Be it therfore ordeyned enacted and establyshed by the kinges  
 hyghnes, and by the consent of the lordes spirytual and tempozall, and the  
 commons in this pzeent parlyament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the  
 same, that the sayde hole and entier dyocese of byshoppyche of Chester and  
 euery parcell and membze therof, be from hensforth vnyted and annexed to  
 the prouynce and archebysshoppyche of Yorke, as a dyocesse and byshoppyche  
 of the same. And that from hensforth the sayde dyocesse of Chester, and  
 euery parcell therof, exempte as well as not exempte, be and be taken na-  
 med and reputed to be of the prouynce and archebysshoppyche of Yorke, and  
 of the metropolitcal iurisdiction of the same, to euery effecte and purpose,  
 accorpyng to the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme: & that the byshop of the  
 same, that now is, and all other his successours, shall be suffraganes to the  
 archebysshoppe of Yorke that now is, and his successours, and to the same  
 shall owe theyr obedience, and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitcal of  
 the same as well they as the deane and chapter of Chester, and al the arche-  
 deacons and the hoole clergye, and all others the kynges subiectes, beyng  
 within the lymittes and boundes of the sayde diocese, any thyng compy-  
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sed in the sayde letters patentes of the erectyon of the sayde dyocesse and bysshoppiche of Chester not withstandynge. And from henceforwarde nother the sayde bysshope of Chester, nother the clergye, nor any others the kynges subiectes, beyng of the sayde dyocese of Chester, shall recognyse the archebyshoppe of Canturburpe as theyr Metropolytane, but onely the archebysshope of Yorke, and his successours, and to the same shall obeye in all thynges accoꝛdyng to the lawes, as well tempoꝛall as ecclesiasticall of this realme.

**¶** Be it also further enacted and establyshed by the kinges hyghnesse, with the assente of the lordes spyꝛituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parlyament assemblyd, and by the auctoꝛyte of the same, that the bysshoppiche and dyocesse of Manne, in the Ile of Manne, be also annexed, adioyned, and vnyted to the sayde prouynce and Metropolitically iurisdiction of Yorke, in all poyntes and to all purposes and effectes, as the sayde bysshoppiche of Chester is annexed adioyned and vnyted to the same.

**¶** Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by our soueraygne lord the kyng, with the assente of the lordes spyꝛituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parlyament assemblyd, and by the auctoꝛyte of the same, that this acte be not pꝛesudyciall to the archebysshope of Canturburpe nowe beyng, nor to his successours, nor to the deane and chapiter of the same, ne to any other bysshope or chapiter of this realme, but that all places landes promotions possessyons as well spyꝛituall as tempoꝛall, beyng and lyenge without the boundes and lymytes of the archedecontries of Richemount and Chester, and without the boundes and lymittes of the cytie of Chester, and the countye of the same, and the counties of Lancaster and Chester, or any of them, shall be styll of the prouynce of Canturburpe, and of suche diocesse and dyocesses as they were of afore the erection of the sayde bysshoppiche of Chester, and of the iurisdiction of the same, & not of the prouynce of Yorke, ne shall be accompted to be any parcell of the sayde dyocesse of Chester, any thyng in this present acte, or in the boke of erection of the sayd bysshoppiche of Chester, not withstandynge. Sauynge to the byshop of Chester, and his successours, that his howse at Weston, beyng within the dyocesse of Couentre and Lichefielde, shall be accompted and taken to be of his dyocesse, and that he beyng resident in the same, shall be taken and accompted as resident in his owne dyocesse, and for the tyme of his abode there, shall haue iurisdiction in the same, lyke wyse as all other byshoppes haue in the howses belonging to their sees, where so euer they lye, in any other byshopich within this realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the same, any thing in this present acte and prouysyon to the contrarie therof in any wyse not withstandynge,

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An Acte for the paryshe church of Whytegate to be made a paryshe church of it selfe, and no part of the paryshe of Duer. Cap. xxxii.



Here as by the dissolution of the late monasterie Waleroyal, within the countie of Chester, a certayne church, standynge at the abbeye gate of þe sayd late monasterie, amongest other the possessyons landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayd late monastery, is comen vnto the handes & possession of the kynges highnes, by reason that the sayde church was belongynge to the sayde late monastery, whyche church befoze the tyme of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and auctoritie of the byshop of Rome, was made and ordeyned to be a paryshe church, as wel for al and euery the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwellynge of in and vpon the demeanes of the sayde late monastery, and of in and vpon al other newe incroced grounde within the lyberties of the sayde late monastery, and the granges of the same, as for dyuers other the tenants of the sayde late monastery, dwellyng in forwist Gaupl Salterswal Duer Herton, the Brokehousles, and all other howses and graunges, woddes waters pastures and medowes within the precinct of the paryshe of Duer, wherof þe sayd late abbot was person in the sayde countie of Chester, by reason wherof the sayd tenants and inhabitauntes haue continually, tyme oute of mynde, come and resorted vnto the sayd paryshe church of Whytegate, within which tyme they haue continually receiued sacramentes and sacramentals at and in the said paryshe church of whytegate, and haue continually vled to mary bury and chysten within the same: And nowe of late at the dissolution of the sayd late monastery, the sayd bulles and other writynges, concernynge the sayd vsurped auctoritie, were by the kynges Surueours burned & destroyed, by occasion wherof the bycat of the paryshe of Duer, within the sayd countie, wold nowe disturbe the sayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes of theyr sayd paryshe church, and wolde deduce them from theyr sayd most accustomed paryshe church of Whytegate, vnto his sayd church of Duer, being foure or fyue myles distant from theyr sayd houses and tenementes, which not only shuld be to the great peynes trauayle and discommoditie of the sayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes, but also therby myght growe, that suche laufulle maryages shulde be aduoyded as haue heretofore ben solemnised in the face of the sayd church of Whytegate, beyng as he affyrmeth, no paryshe church, women myght also lose theyr dowers, with manyfold other losses greuances and inconueniencences, that were lykely to ensue vpon the same. In auoyding wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, his lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde church of Whytegate shal be the paryshe church for all and syngular the tenauntes and inhabitantes aforesayd: and that the sayde church shal be named and callyd from hencefozthe, The paryshe

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the church of our blessed lady the virgin of whitegate, and the aforesaid tenants and inhabitants, shall be discharged of any further resort or repayment to the said church of Duer, and that the person bycar and curate of the said parish church of Duer, and every of them, and the successors of them and every of them, shall be discharged of the cure of the said tenants and inhabitants.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that one Richard Beuion clerke, now incumbent of the same church of whitegate, and after him some other sufficient and lawful person to be named and appointed by the kinges highnes, shall be bycar perpetuall in the sayde parish church of whitegate, and haue perpetuall succession in the same, and that he and his successors shall be called bycars of the parish church of our blessed lady the virgin of whitegate, and shall be inhabed by auctoritie of this acte, to sue and be sued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme: And that the aduouson donation and presentation of the said vicarage, shall appertain and belonge to the kinges highnes, his heires and successors: and that as well the sayde newe fyrste bycar named as aforesaid, as all other bycars hereafter to be named of the said church of whitegate, shall be presented instituted and inducted to & by the ordinarie and ordinaries of the same realme ben accustomed: And shall paye the fyrste frutes and tenthes of the sayde vicarage vnto the kinges highnes his heires and successors, according to the rate and value therof. And that also the same vicar and his successors shall haue and perceyue all the tithes offerpnges oblations obventions and other ecclesiasticall dueties and rightes, that shall yerely growe and be due by the customes of the realme & ecclesiasticall lawes of the same, to be payde had or made by the aforesaid tenants and inhabitants, excepte onely the tythe of corne, whiche shall be payde and satisfied from henceforth by auctoritie of this act, to the kinges highnes his heires successors and patentees of the same.

### An acte concernynge the priuiledges of Kyngestowne vppon Hull. Cap. xxxiii.

**F**ORASMUCH AS the kynges towne vppon Hulle is situate and buylded in lengthe vppon the hauen of the sayde towne of the parte of the east, and vpon the water of Humber, of the part of the southe, and for the sauегarde tuition and defence of the same, the sayd towne is compassed and enclosed with great walles, dyches, and bankes from the southeaste ende of the sayde hauen, as well towarde Humber as of the weste and of the north, vnto the ende of the sayde hauen. And towarde the mayntenaunce supportation and vpholdinge as well of the sayde walles, dyches, and bankes, as of other clowes floweles, getties, gutters, gootes, and other fortresses there made for the defence



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Defence of the sayde towne and of the sayde haven, the mayze burgeses and comminaltie of the sayde towne of Hull haue bled tyme out of mynde by theyr offycers oꝝ ministers of the same towne, to leuie take and haue of all inhabitauntes of euery such townes in the counties of Suffolke and Nozfolke, as pretende to be priuiledged in the sayde kynges towne vpon Hull, of euery last of hearynges brougth thither by shipp to be solde. xx. d. and foꝝ euery hundred saltfyshe. iiii. d. and foꝝ euery last of spzattes. viii. d. And also of all inhabitauntes of all other townes in the sayde countres of Suff. and Nozff. and elles where, of euery laste of hearynges brougth to the kynges sayde towne of Hull by shipp to be solde. ii. s. iiii. d. and foꝝ euery hundred saltfyshe iiii. d. and foꝝ euery last of spzattes. viii. d. Unto nowe of late in the. xxvii. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lord the kyng that nowe is, it was enacted by auctozytie of parlyament, that the mayze of the sayde towne of Kynges towne vpon Hull and his successours, and all other offycers and minystrers of and within the sayd towne, shulde from hencefoꝝth permitt and suffer all the inhabitauntes of the sayde counties of Suff. and Nozff. and from any other place thither repaiering with bitailes at al tymes foꝝ ettermoze bitwene the feastes of al saintes and the Annūtiacion of our lady, liberally and frely without interruption oꝝ impedymēt to conducte and byynge theyr hearynges and other fyshe to the sayde towne, and there to vtter and sell the same, as wel by water as by lande, by retaille oꝝ ingrosse, to whome so euer & whan, within the sayde tyme befoꝝe expꝛessed, they oꝝ any of them shall thinke most expedient foꝝ theyr owne pꝛofyttes and commodities, without any maner of toll custome impositiō oꝝ other exactions oꝝ charge to be demaunded leuyed oꝝ taken of the seller and byer of the same by the saide mayze oꝝ any other offycers oꝝ minystrers of oꝝ within the sayde towne oꝝ poꝛte of the same foꝝ the said hearyng oꝝ other fyshe, oꝝ foꝝ the shippes oꝝ other vessels wherin the same hearynge oꝝ fyshe shulde so be brougth oꝝ conducted to the sayde towne: excepte onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensueth: that is to saye, of euery shipp thither repaiering with hearynges oꝝ other fyshe, as is afoꝝesayd, beyng of the burden of. xx. tunne oꝝ vnder, and not aboue. v. s. And of euery shipp thither repaiering with hearynges oꝝ other fyshe, beyng aboue the full burden of. xx. tunne. vi. s. viii. d. and not aboue, as by the sayde acte oꝝ statute made in the sayde. xxvii. yere moze playnely maye appere. Sithens whiche acte of parlyament made as is afoꝝesayd, the sayde walles dyches bankes and also fetties clowes sloweles goottes gutters and other foꝝtreses about the sayde towne, as is afoꝝesayd, haue moche fallen in ruine and decaye, because the mayze burgeses and comminaltie of the sayd towne, whiche haue mooste parte of theyr lyuynge by trade of marchandise beyond the sea, be not able ne of power to maynteyne the sayde walles dyches bankes fetties and other the pꝛemises agaynst the sayde water, and to suppoꝛte and beate such other great yereley expenles costes and charges, as yereley chance within the sayd towne, excepte they myght haue towarde the same charges suche summes of money as they befoꝝe tyme haue ben accustomed to haue of the

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the sayde fysherman, and other inhabitauntes as is aforesayde: And yf the sayd walles dyches and other the premises shulde not be maynteyned, supported and defended agaynste the sayde water, it wolde be in conclusion the distruction and desolation of the sayde towne of Kyngestowne vpon Hull, whych god defende. In consideration whereof be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the sayde acte and statute made in the sayde. xxvii. yere, concernynge exactions taken by the mayre and commynalte of the towne of Hull, and euery thyng therein conteyned, maye be frome henceforth frustrate and voyde: And that from henceforth it shall be lawfull to the mayre and burgeses of the kynges sayde towne vpon Hull, and theyr successours mayres and burgeses of the same, and all other offycers and ministers there for the tyme beyng, frome tyme to tyme, at al tymes hereafter, to receyue haue and take of all and euery the inhabitauntes and fyshermen of the sayde countie of Suff. & Norff. and of all other places to the sayde towne of Hull for suche hearinges spattres saltfyshe and all other vitayles by theym or any of them hereafter to be broughte to be solde vnto the kynges sayde towne of Hull, suche summes of money as hereafter foloweth, that is to saye, for euery laste of hearnges of euery person prouided, xx. d. for the laste: And for euery hundred saltfyshe xii. d. and for euery laste of spattres. viii. d. And of euery person not prouided for euery last of hearnges. ii. s. iiii. d. and for euery hundred saltfyshe xii. d. and for euery laste of spattres. viii. d. as afoze the sayde acte soo made in the. xxviii. yere of the regne of our sayde souerayne lord the kyng, the sayde mayre and burgeses haue bled and accustomed to take, any thyng expressed or conteyned in the sayde acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And provided alwayes, and be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned or expressed, shal not extende nor in any wyse be hurtful or prejudicial to charge or onerate any cite borough or towne within this realme, or the inhabitauntes of the same, or any of them, for any moze or other custome imposition or payement, otherwyse than they or any of them of right were charged or chargeable before the makinge of the sayd acte and statute, made in the sayd. xxvii. yere, any thing expressed or conteyned in this present acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

**An acte for the towne of Lyne touchynge the reuocation of two sayres.** Cap. xxxiii.



**W** H E the kinges maiesty of his most abundant goodnes hath by his letters patentes vnder his greute seale of Englande, bearynge date the. vii. daye of July, in the. xxix. yere of his mooste gracious regne, graunted to the mayre and burgeses of his borough of kynges Lyne, in his countie of Norfolke, that they and theyr successours shal haue and hold

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within the sayd borough two fayres or martes every yere from thenceforth; that is to say, one fayre the nexte day after the feast of the Assumption of our blessed ladye the virgyn, to be holden and to endure by .vi. dayes nexte and immediately folowynge the same daye. The other of the sayd fayres or martes to be holden the nexte day after the feast of the Purification of our blessed ladye the virgyn, and to endure by .vi. dayes next immediately folowynge the same daye, as by the sayd letters patentees amonges other thinges more playnely maye appere. For so moche that as well the burgesles and inhabitants of the sayd borough of kynges Lync, as many and dyuers other persons dwellinge nyght he sayd borough of kynges Lync, haue syns the sayd letters patentees made regrated and gotten into theyr handes and possession great number of saltfyshe, as lunge loob codde salte salmon stockefyshe and hearynge, to the great hynderaunce and losse of manye of the kynges subiectes, that yerely haue repaired & comen to Styrbrige fayre, Elye fayre, and other fayres and markets in the county of Cambridge and Huntingto, and other shyres, for the prouision of saltfyshe and hearyng for theyr householdes; and for the prouision of dyuers other shyres within this realme of Englande: whiche regratynge is contrary to a common welth, and to dyuers statutes in that case prouided, and contrary to the good intent and meaning of the graunt of the sayde fayres and martes, comprysed or specified in the sayde letters patentees. It be therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the grant made by the sayde letters patentees of the sayde two fayres or martes, with all liberties onely concernynge the same shall be from henceforth frustrat voyde and of none effecte: Sawayng always and reseruyng to the mayre and burgesles of the borough of kynges Lync, in the countie of Norfolke, and theyr successors, al other liberties franchises commodities profyttes, and al other thinges what so ever comprysed or specified in any letters patentes, made by the king our souerayne lord, or by any of his noble progenitours, or by any other concernynge the borough or towne of Lync, by what name or names so ever it is or hath ben called or concernynge the burgesles & inhabitants of the sayde borough or towne of Lync, or any of them, or the successors of any of them, by what name or names so ever they be or haue ben in any way named or called, so that this act or any thyng therein conteyned shall not in any wyse extende or be expounded to make frustrate voyde, or to take away any thing cause or matter but onely the sayde two fayres or martes, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

**And** **in** **an** **acte** **concernynge** **the** **condites** **at** **Gloucester.** **Cap. xxx.**  
**V** **U** **N** **D** **E** **R** **E** before this tyme the towne of Gloucester, now lately called the cite of Gloucester, and the inhabitants and residents within the same, haue ben reasonably furnished comforted and refreshed with good pure and

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and cleane runnyng water, yssuyng out of the heades of freshe springes, situate and beinge within one myle and halfe distaunt from the sayde citie, in one hyll there called Wattonis hyll, otherwyle called Robyn Hoodes hyll: And for the preservation and continuance of the sayd heades and springes, there is and long tyme heretofore hath ben erected and buylded by the inhabitants of the same newe cytie, sundry conduite houses of lyme and stone, and from thense the sayde water hath ben conueyed vnder erthe in pypes of leade, into dyuers places of the sayde cytie, and also to the cloyster and houses of the late dissolved monastery of saynt Peter in the same citie, now lately translated & established by the kynges maiestie into a cathedral church of a bishop deane and chapter, which sayd freshe runnyng water is and hath ben not onely a great refreshyng comfozte and commoditie to al the kynges subiectes, inhabytyng within the sayde cytie, but also a syngular pleasure to all esttraungers repaynginge to the same: Till nowe of late the sayd springes haue ben and yet be moche dyed wasted and consumed, so that throughe the debyltie and scarcitie of water in the sayde springes, lytell or noo water at this daye cometh or renneth from thense to the conduites & vsuall places in the sayd cytie or mynster, by reason wherof yf some speedy remedy be not foresene and prouided for the conueyaunce byngyng and leadinge of other water springes nowe also beinge in the sayd hyll, not far distaunte from the said olde heades, to the pipes gutters and trenches of the same olde heades, now leadyng and conueyinge the water to the sayde cytie and mynster, the kynges subiectes inhabytyng within the same cytie, for lacke of the sayde water, shall be moch greued annoyed and molested, for as moche as freshe and pure cennynge water is and hath ben noted to be one of the mooste necessities comfozte and refreshyng to all cyties and townes within this realme. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte commynge it shall be lafull to the mayre of the sayde cite of Gloucester for the tyme beyng, and also to the deane of the sayde mynster or cathedral churche and theyr successours, and the successours of euerye of them, at all tymes after the sayde feast of Easter, as nede shall require to dygge and breake grounde for the conueyaunce of the sayd water in all places, in or vpon the sayde hyll, so that the place or places so broken dygged or trenched, be not aboue halfe a myle distaunt from the places where the sayd olde conduites heades be nowe alredy builded and erected, and in such places where it shall be thought mooste apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the sayde mayre or deane for the tyme beyng, to serche or fynde any newe springe heades in any place within the sayd pzeinte afoze mentioned. And vpon the same newe springes so found lafully to erecte and edify new conduit houses, and there to dygge and make diches baultes and trenches, and other conuentent and necessary thinges for the continuance therof at all tymes hereafter, at the lybertie and pleasure of the sayd mayre and deane and theyr



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they? successours for euermoze. And also from the sayd new spynges to conuey the water in pipes of leade gutters & trenches vnto the other pipes of leade apperteynyng to the sayde olde conduites heades, and by such oꝝ lyke polycy and meanes to bypnye and conuey the hole water from all the sayde heades and spynges, vnto the sayde cytie and mynster, for the comon welth vtilitie and reliefe of the same cytie and mynster, and the inhabitantes of the same. And thus to be done and executed with the petye mayntenaunce and reparations of the same, as nede shall require fro tyme to tyme alwayes here after. And further that the sayd mayze and deane and they? successours, and euery of them, for the dyggyng and breakyng of any suche ground oꝝ soyle in any the places aforesayde, and for the purposes aforesayde, shall within xx. dayes nexte after any suche grounde broken by the labourers oꝝ workemen of the sayd mayze oꝝ deane, for the ententes and purposes aforesayd, satisfie contente and paye vnto the owners oꝝ possessours of the sayde soyle oꝝ grounde so broken oꝝ dygged, as moche money for the same dyggyng and breakyng, as shall be adiudged and taxed by the determination and iudgement of.iii. oꝝ.iiii. indifferent men, inhabityng within the parryshe, where the place so broken buylded oꝝ trenched is oꝝ shall be, and that to be vled for euermoze hereafter. And the same.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men alwayes hereafter shall be chosen and named, as well by the owner oꝝ possessor of the grounde so broken for the tyme beyng, as also by the sayde mayze oꝝ deane for the tyme beyng, by whose commaundement any suche grounde oꝝ soyle shall be at any tyme hereafter so digged oꝝ broken: And all suche summes as after the sayde feast of Easter shall be taxed by the sayde.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men for the tyme beyng, so named and chosen for satisfaction of any suche trespass oꝝ trespasses shall be payde and satisfied by the sayd mayze oꝝ deane for the tyme beyng, within.iiii. dayes nexte after the sayde taxation oꝝ iudgemente soo made and vled vpon payne of the sayde mayze oꝝ deane so offendyng denynge oꝝ refusinge the payment therof for euery suche offence to forsayte. xiii. s.iiii. d. the oone halfe of whyche sayde forsayture shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heyres and successours, and the other moptye to any of the kynges subiectes that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recoꝝde, by action of dette byl playnte infoꝝmation oꝝ other wyse, in which action byl oꝝ playnte no wager of lawe pꝛotectiō nor essoyne shall lye. And neuertheless the partie, whose grounde hereafter shall be broken, for none payement of all suche summes of money, as by the sayd.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men for the tyme beyng, shall be taxed and adiudged for the doyng of any suche trespass at any tyme oꝝ tymes, shall haue an action of det agaynst the sayd mayze oꝝ deane, by whose commaundement any suche ground shall be so broken, in any of the kynges courtes of recoꝝde, for the recouerye of the same det so taxed, in which action no wager of lawe pꝛotectiō nor essoyne shall lye. And yf it shall happen, that the sayde.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men hereafter so to be chosen, as is aforesayde, do not oꝝ shall not agre in makynge any suche taxation for any suche offence oꝝ offences to be doone within the sayde tyme of.iiii. dayes to theym afoze

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afore lymitted, noꝛ that the sayde mayꝛe oꝛ deane foꝛ the tyme beinge, do not offer oꝛ tender to the partie so greued, a resonable amendes and satisfaction foꝛ the breakyng dyggyng oꝛ trenchyng his oꝛ theyꝛ sayd ground, that than the partie oꝛ parties so greued, and whose lande oꝛ soyle shal be so hereafter subuerted and broken, shall haue his laufull remedy agaynst the sayd matre oꝛ deane foꝛ the tyme beinge, by whose commaundement any suche soyle oꝛ grounde, shall be foꝛ the purpose afore sayde dygged oꝛ broken, by action of trespass, and to recouer damages foꝛ the same, any thyng in this present acte mencioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

**W**houpedd alway and be it further enacted by the auctoꝛyte afore sayde, that yf the sayd mayꝛe oꝛ deane, theyꝛ successours workemen oꝛ seruauntes, oꝛ any of them, at any tyme oꝛ tymes after the sayd feast of Easter, be oꝛ shal be disturbed letted oꝛ withstanded, to dygge buylde heades of cundytes dyches oꝛ trenches in any place oꝛ places, in oꝛ vpon the sayde hyll, within the pꝛecincte to them afore lymitted, oꝛ in any other place oꝛ places fro the sayd hyll vnto the sayd cite, foꝛ the necessary reparation and amendement of any the pꝛypes of leade hereafter to be crased oꝛ broken, whiche dothe conuey the sayd water to the same cite oꝛ mynster, by any owner owners oꝛ possessours of the same ground, oꝛ by any other person oꝛ persons at any tyme oꝛ tymes hereafter: that than euery suche person owner possessour oꝛ personnes so disturbinge, wylfully lettynge oꝛ molestynge any the workeman of the sayde mayꝛe oꝛ deane, shall foꝛfayte and lose foꝛ euerye suche disturbaunce and denyer. xx. s. The one halfe of whiche sayde foꝛfayture shall be vnto the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heyrres and successours, and the other moꝛtye to any of the kynges subiectes that wylle sewe foꝛ the same in any the kynges courtes of recorde, at any tyme hereafter by action of det bylle playnt information oꝛ other wyse, in whiche no wager of law pꝛotection noꝛ essoyne shall lye oꝛ be allowed.

**An acte foꝛ repairyng of Canturbury, Rochester, Stampfoꝛde  
and dyuers other towne. Cap. xxxvi.**



**H**as moche as in tymes past diuers and many beautifull houses of habitatio haue ben within the walles and lyberties of the cite of Canturbury, the cite of Rochester, the boroughes and towne of Stampfoꝛde, & great Grimesby in the county of Lyncolne, the town of Cambridge in the county of Cambridge, the borough oꝛ town of Derby in the county of Derby, the borough oꝛ town of Gylfoꝛde in the county of Surf, the town of Dunwyche in the county of Suff. the boroughes oꝛ towne of the Synke portes with their members, the towne of Lewes in the county of Sussex, and the towne of Buckingham in the county of Buckyngham, whiche now are fallen downe decayed and at this time remain vntreedified, lying as desolate and voyd groundes, and many of them adioynning nygh vnto the high stretes replenished with moche orderylth &

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uncleanneſſe, with pyttes ſellers and baultes lyeng open & vncouerid, to the great perill and daunger of al the inhabitantes & other the kinges ſubiectis paſſynge by the ſame, and ſome houſes be very weake and feble redy to falle downe, and be very daungerous to paſſe by, to the great decay and hynderaunce of the ſayd cities boroughes towneſ and ſynke portes. It may therefore be enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, the lordes ſpyrituall and temporall, & the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſons or bodies politike, being owners or poſſeſſioners of any ſuche deſolate or voyd groundes, that at any tyme within fyue & forty yeres next befoze the making of this acte, haue ben builded for houſes of habitatiō, or for any houſe or houſes of habitatiō now or hereafter beyng in decay and not fully fallen downe, within the liberties and precinctes of any of the ſayd boroughes towneſ and places, do not ſufficiently reediſſie buylde and repayre, or cauſe to be reediſſied buylde and repayred the ſayd deſolate voyd groundes and decayde houſes conuenient for habitatiō and dwellynge, within two yeres nexte after proclamation to be made in or vpon the ſame voyd grounde or groundes, decayd houſe or houſes, by the mayres aldermen and burgesſes, or other heed officers within the precinct of theyr owne auctorities, that than it ſhall be laſull for the chiefe lord or lordes immediate, of whom ſuche deſolate and voyde groundes, decayed and ruinous houſes be holden after the ſayde two yeres be expyred, to enter into the ſame, and to haue the ſame groundes or houſes, with the curtilage backſide and gardeyn adioynning to the ſame, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the ſayd decayde houſe or ground, and exceede not one acre of ground, to theym and to theyr heires or ſucceſſours, or to theyr owne proper uſe for euer, ſo that the ſayd lord or lordes immediate entrynge by the auctoritie of this acte, doo ſufficiently reediſſie buyld or repayre the ſame voyde ground or decayde houſes, within two yeres and an halfe, next and immediately folowing the determination of the foresayd firſt two yeres. And in caſe ſuche lord or lordes, as may enter by this acte, do not enter and wel and ſufficiently reediſſie buyld or repaire the ſame voyd groundes or decayde houſes, within the ſayd two yeres and an halfe to them limited by this acte. Or if ſuche lord or lordes immediate, as may enter by this acte, do ſufficiently reediſſie buylde and repaire the ſame voyd groundes or decayde houſes, within the ſayde two yeres and an halfe to them lymitted, and after theyr heires or ſucceſſours ſuffer the ſame houſes or voyd groundes to fal in ruine and decay, and do not build or reediſſie the ſame ſufficiently within two yeres and an halfe of ſuche ruine or decay: that than it ſhall be leſull to all perſon or perſons or bodies politike, as ſhall than haue any rent charge jointly or ſeuerally goyng out of the ſayd voyde ground or groundes, or decayde houſe or houſes, in any of the ſayd cities boroughes towneſ or places immediately after the ſayd two yeres and an halfe expyred, to enter into the ſame, and to haue to ſuche of them theyr heires and ſucceſſours, to theyr owne proper uſe, as ſhall ſo buylde the ſayd voyd groundes or decayd houſes

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houses by auctoritie of this acte, the same voyde groundes or houses, with the curtilage backelyde and garden adioyning to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or ground, & excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde, discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes or houses, as wel agaynst the said lord and lordes immediate, as all other persone or persones or bodie polittike, hauyng any rent or rentes charges or rent secke out of the same, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough town or place, or some parcel therof, so that the said person or persons or bodie polittike, hauyng the sayd rent charge, entrynge by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedify build & repaire the same desolate and voyde ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within one yere and .iii. quarters nexte & immediately folowynge the determination of the sayd two yeres and an half, to the sayd lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case suche person or persons or bodie polittike, hauyng any of the sayd rentes charges, as may entre by this acte, do not enter and well and sufficiently reedifie buyld or repaire the same voyde groundes or decayed houses, within one yere & thre quarters to them appointed by vertue of this acte: or yf they or any of them hauynge suche rent charge, and that may enter by this acte, doo sufficiently buyld and repaire the same voyde grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the sayd one yere and .iii. quarters to them limited, and after they their heyres or successours, suffer the same voyde grounde or groundes, house or houses to fall in ruine and decay, and do not buyld or reedifie the same sufficiently within one yere and thre quarters after such ruine or decay: that than it shal be lesful to the mayres aldermen and burgesses, & other the head officers of the sayde cyties boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated and theyr successours, and euery of them within the limittes of their auctorities immediately after the sayde yere and .iii. quarters expyred, into euery such desolate and voyde groundes decayed or ruinous houses, to enter, & to haue holde & enioy to them and theyr successours for euer, to their owne bles, the same groundes or houses and euery of them with the curtilages, gardes, & backside to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the sayd decayed house or ground, and excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes or houses, as wel agaynst the sayde lord or lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodie polittike, hauynge such rente charge or rent secke, as befoze is said, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough town or place or parcel therof. So that the same mayres aldermen and burgesses or other head officer as is aforesayd, or theyr successours for the tyme being, do reedifie buyld or repaire, or cause to be reedified buylded or repaired, the same ground or groundes house or houses within .iii. yeres next and immediately folowynge the determination of the sayd yere and .iii. quarters, limited or appointed to such person or persons or bodie polittike, that haue or shall haue any rent as is aforesaid: And in case the sayd mayres aldermen

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and burgesses, or other head officers as is aforesaid, or their successors, do not enter and reedifie build and repaire the same voyde ground or groundes decayd house or houses in forme aforesaid, within the sayd terme of .iii. yerres after they sayd entree, or yf they sufficiently reedifie buyde and repaire the same voyde ground or groundes, or decayd house or houses, within the said thre yerres to theym lymitted by this acte, and after they or theyr successors, suffer the same house or houses, voyde ground or groundes to falle in ruine and decay, and doo not buyde and reedifie the same sufficiently within thre yerres after suche ruine or decay: that than it shalbe lefull to the fynde owner or owners, possessor or possessours of such voyde ground or groundes, decayd house or houses, their heires or successors, immediately after the said thre yerres, to the sayd mayres aldermen & burgesses, and other head officers as is afoze limitted, expired, into the same houses ground or groundes, curtillages, gardeynes, and backelydes to entre, and the same to retaine to them, theyr heires and successors, as in their firste estate, any thinge contained in this present acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

**C**onsydered alway, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons, beyng at the tyme of the sayde proclamation made vnder the age of .xxi. yerres, or beinge feme covert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other leful affaires, or to any person or persones, not beyng than of hole and perfect memory, duringe the tyme that suche person or persones, shal be within age, married, in prison, or of no perfecte memory, or beyonde the sea, so that the same person or persons, theyr heires or successors, after that he or they come to theyr full age of .xxi. yerres, or be vnmarrried, out of prison, or come, agayne within this realme, or be of hole and perfecte memory, within .iii. yerres than nexte ensuyng, do reedifie the same desolate or voyde groundes, or repaire the sayd decayd houses.

**An acte touchyng the honour of Amphyll. Cap. xxxvii.**

**C**onsyderinge that the kynges moost excellent maiesty myndeth and intendeth by the grace of god to erecte buyld and edifie vpon his gracyanour of Amphyll in the countye of Bedf. sumptuous stately beautifull and princely buyldynges structures and edifyces, & the same as his hyghnes hath already with goodly & parkely parkes, so hereafter with dyuers and sundry other lyke thinges of pleasure delitte and commoditie, to beautifie adorne and decozate, mete apte and conuenient for the long conseruation of the kynges most royall person at suche time and tymes as his maiesty shall haue accesse to the same: It semeth therfore very behouefull expedient and requisite, that not alonely to such a palace royal, manours possessions and other hereditamentes shuld be knytte vnyted and annexed, correspondent and agreeable to the worthines and dignitie therof, but also ought of all

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of al conueniency in reason to be ornatid and set forth with the name and title of and honour, therby insnuating and declaryng, that the thing shall be no lesse honozable and princely in riche and fayre possessions, than statelly & commodiouse, as well in thynges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costely buyldinges. Wherfore be it enacted ordeyned and establiſhed by the kynge our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, that all and syngular manours parkes messuages scites of monasteries graunges lades tenementes rentes reuertions seruices, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodities, lyenge or being in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Ampthyll, Wylybroke, Fletewike, Alden, Steppingley, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wythamstede, Lyttelington, Husbondcrauley, Rigenod cum Sageno, Alpeley, Gey, Clophil, Caynoo, Shellofde, Cranefielde, Pollorehyll, Harlyngton, Codynngton, Barton, Whitlyngton, Chalgraue, Harist, Wooburne, Cuerthall, Milton, Wytan, Warden, Elstowe, Caudewell, Donistable, Salforde, Holcoote, Bedforde, Wotton, Kemston, and the manour of Colineworthe, in the sayd countye of Bedforde or in any of theym, or els in the hamlettes townes or parishes of Newporthpanell, Tykforth, Polso, great Lydforth, lyttel Lydforth, Stewkley, lytell Byrchyll, Bosbyrchyll, Wauendon, north Crauley, and Swanborne, or in any of them in the countye of Buckyngham, or els where within the realme of Englande, belongyng or appertayning to any manour lyeng or being in any of the townes or parishes aboue mencioned, wherof and of the whiche our sayde souerayn lord the kinge is at this present seased of an estate of inheritaunce, shall from hensforth be perpetually knit annexed and vnited to the sayde manour of Ampthyl, and be taken adludged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour. And that the same manour of Ampthyll, togyther with all maner landes tenementes and other the premises aboue recited, so vnited & annexed to the same manour, accoꝛdinge as is aboue expessed, shall from hensforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Ampthyl. And that the same, which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Ampthyl, shall fro hensforth be taken and adiuged the chiefe principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Ampthyll, & also that all and syngular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices and other hereditamentes, lyeng or being in any of the hamlettes, townes, or parishes aforesayde, with theyꝝ ryghtes members and appurtenances, wherof, & of the whiche the kynge our sayd soueraygne lord, his heires or successours, shall be at any tyme hereafter seased of estate of inheritaunce by purchase eschete forsfayture or other wyse, shall immediatly after suche purchase forsfayture eschete or other wyse comyng to the handes of his hyghnes his heyres or successours, be from tyme to tyme vnited annexed demed and adiuged to all intentes and purposes, as parte parcell and member of the sayde honour of Ampthyl.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by auctozytie aforesayde, that all and syngular



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gular the tenants, as well freeholders and copyholders, as other, and all and singular persons, which owe suite to any of the said manours, or to any lete or lordship to be holden within the precincts of any of the, and the heirs successors and assigns of every of the said tenants shall doo their suites services and customs, and pay their rentes to the sayde sundry manours, & in such tyme as they dyd and ought to do before the making of this present acte. And that the said tenants and suiters and every of them, or the heirs successors or assigns of them or every of them, at any tyme, hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other services suites customs rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay at ne in any other place or places, nor any of the severall tenures chaunged altered or charged other wyse than they were or ought to do & be before the making of this acte, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided alway that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned shall not be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, the heirs executors successors or assigns, for any leases demises grauntes or covenantes here tofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayde manours and other the premises or any parte or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or covenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the premises, wherof the kynges highnes his heirs or successors shall hereafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfeiture escheate or otherwise, as is aforesayde lying or being in any of the said hamlettes townes or parishes, by the owners of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the premises or any parte or parcell thereof, or by any of the heirs auncesours or predecesours, or by any persone or persons lawfully aucthorised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt thereof so made or to be made: Savyng alwaye to every person and persons bodies politike and corporate, their heirs executors successors and assigns and every of them, other than such bodies politike and corporate and other persons as were or hereafter shall be partes and privy to the bargaynes sales giftes or grauntes of the said manours and other the premises or any parte thereof, and their wyves beyng examined accordyng to the lawe of this realme, their heirs and successors, and the wyves so examined and the heirs, and the heirs and successors of every of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyues peres or other wyse, and all grauntes liberties privileges jurisdictions auctorities franchises rentes charges profits covenantes & al other commoditie or commodities, whiche they or any of them, haue myght or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shuld haue, in or to the premises or any parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary thereof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present acte to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

**¶** Be it also further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde honour of Amphyll, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes

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mentes and other the p[re]misses aboue reherfed, shall from hensfo[rt]he be in the o[rd]er surueye rule and gouernaunce of the courte of Augmentations of the reuenues of our soueraigne lo[rd]de the kynges crowne, and to be granted lette and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and fo[rm]e, as other the manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the same court ben and ought to be letten o[rd] graunted. And that al the fermes yssues reuenues and p[ro]fit[es] commynge and growynge of the p[re]misses, and of euerye parte therof, shalbe taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers of the same court, in suche maner and fo[rm]e as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes commytted to the o[rd]er suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd court of augmentations, any act statute o[rd]ynance custome o[rd] vse heretofore had made o[rd] vsed to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

An acte concernynge the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxxviii.

**R** Of diuers sundry bygent and necessary causes and consydera-  
tions the kynges maiestie specially mouynge. Be it enacted o[rd]-  
eyned and establisshed by the kyng our soueraigne lo[rd],  
with the assent of the lo[rd]es spirituall and tempozall, and the  
comunons in this p[re]sent parlyament assembled, and by the au-  
cto[ri]tye of the same, that all those his maiesties hundzedes of Wynterley  
and Alfordes howe, and all those hys graces forrestes Wythylwoode and  
Sawley, and all that his chace of Pardesleye in the countye of Northham-  
pton with all and syngular theyr membris ryghtes and appourtenaunces,  
And all that his hyghnesse chace of Whaddon in the countye of Buckyngham,  
with all and syngular his ryghtes, membris, and appourtenaunces,  
and all and syngular manours, parkes, messuages, scites of monasteries  
and priories, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruyces,  
and all other hereditamentes lyberties and commodities, lyeng o[rd] beyng in  
the hamlettes townes and parishes of Grafton, Hertwell, Almeton, Roode,  
Coztual, Alderton, Stoke byewern, Shittilanger, Shoresley, Blyfworth,  
Wylton, Walleworth, Tyffylde, Wallispey, Colletour, Eiston, Hulcote,  
Abthorp, Foscot, Greinsnot, Blakesley, Woodend, Colehigham, Grimes-  
cot, Gaito, Batsel, Elcot, Alcot, Dalecot, Bugboke, Ruddisshup, Colling-  
thigh, Hardington, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Denfanger, Pardeley,  
Potterpey, Furthoo, Colgrove, Castel Alhby, Wyken, and Delaprey in  
the sayd countye of Northampton: And in the hamlettes townes & parishes  
of Luffilde, Handlape, Castelthorp, Hartham, Shenley, Lytlehoze woode,  
Snellsoo, and lyttell Lydfothe, in the sayde countye of Buckyngham, and  
elles where within the realme of Englande, belongynge o[rd] appertaynyng  
to any manour o[rd] hundred, lyenge o[rd] beyng in any of the townes o[rd] par-  
ishes aboue mentioned, wherof and of the whiche our sayde soueraigne lo[rd]  
the kinge is at this p[re]sent sealed of an estate of inheritance, shal from hens-  
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forth be perpetually knyt annexed & vnited to the sayd manour of Grafton and be taken adiudged and demed as parte parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Grafton, togyther with all maner landes tenementes and other the p̄misses aboue recyted, so vnited and annexed to the same manour, accoꝝdyng as is aboue exp̄essed, shal from hens forth be perpetually called and named the honour of Grafton: and that the same which heretofore hath ben taken foꝝ the manour of Grafton, shal from the fyrst day of May next commyng be taken and adiudged the chiefe principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Grafton: And also that all and syngular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuertion seruices and other hereditamentes, lyeng and being in any of the hamlettes towneſ or parishes afoꝝesayd, with all the rightes membꝛes and appurtenances, wherof and of the whych the kynge oure soueraygne loꝝde his heyr̄es or successours, shal be at any tyme hereafter sealed of estate of inheritance by purchase eschete foꝝfayture or otherwylse, shal immediately after suche purchase foꝝfayture, or otherwylse commyng to the handes of his hyghnes, his heires or successours, be from tyme to tyme vnited annexed demed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as part parcel and membꝛe of the sayd honour of Grafton.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie afoꝝesayd, that all & syngular the tenants, as well freholders & copyholders as other, and all and syngular persons, whiche owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or to any leete or laibday to be holden within the p̄cinct of any of them, and the successours and assignes of euery of the sayd tenants, shal do their suites seruyces and customes, and pay theyꝝ rentes to the said sundry manours, and in such time as they dyd and ought to do befoꝝe the makynge of this p̄sent act. And that the sayd tenants and suiters or any of them, or the heyr̄es successours or assignes of theym or any of theym, at any tyme hereafter, shal not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruyces suites customes rentes or other charges nor be compellyd to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seueral tenures chaunged altered or charged, otherwylse than they were or ought to do, or be befoꝝe the making of this act, any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Wherbynd alway, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shal not be p̄iudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, theyꝝ heires executours successours or assignes, foꝝ any leases demyses grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of theym, of the sayde manours and other the p̄misses, or any part or parcell therof, or of any leases grauntes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the sayd manours landes tenementes and other the p̄misses, wherof the kinges hyghnes his heires or successours shal hereafter be sealed of estate of inheritance by purchase foꝝfayture eschete or otherwylse, as is afoꝝesayde, lyenge or being in any of the sayde hamlettes towneſ or parishes by the owners of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the p̄misses, or any parte or

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parcell therof, oꝛ by any of theyꝛ auncestours oꝛ pꝛedecessours, oꝛ by any other persone oꝛ persons lawfully auctoꝛysed by the oꝛ any of the, foꝛ any demyse lease oꝛ graunt therof so made oꝛ to be made: Sauynge alwayes to euery person and personnes bodies politike & coꝛporate, theyꝛ heꝛes successours executours and assignes, other then suche bodys politike and coꝛporate, and suche other persones as were oꝛ hereafter shall be parties and parties to the bargaynes sales gyftes oꝛ grauntes of the sayd manours and other the pꝛemises oꝛ any part therof: and their wyues being examined of the same accoꝛdyng to the lawes of the realme, theyꝛ heꝛes and successours, and the wyues so examined, and the heꝛes and successours of euery of them al suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes foꝛ terme of lyfe lyues oꝛ yeres, oꝛ otherwyle: And all grauntes lyberties rentes charges pꝛofytes couenauntes and all and euery other commoditie oꝛ commodities, whiche they oꝛ any of them haue myght oꝛ oughte to haue, oꝛ hereafter shall oꝛ shulde haue in of oꝛ to the pꝛemises oꝛ any parte oꝛ parcell of them, in suche maner and fourme, as thoughe this acte, oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof had neuer ben had noꝛ made, any thing in this pꝛesent acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforesayd, that the sayd honoꝛ of Grafton, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the pꝛemises aboue reherfed, shall fro hensfoꝛth be in the oꝛder suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentations of our sayd souerayn lord the kynges crowne, and to be graunted lett and sette to ferme by the offycers and mynysters of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court, ben oꝛ ought to be letten oꝛ graunted: And that al the fermes pꝛisles reuenues & pꝛofytes comynge and growynge of the pꝛemises & euery part therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the mynisters and offycers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as is vled and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the oꝛder suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd court of Augmentations, any att statute ordynance custome oꝛ vse heretofore had made oꝛ vled to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ Pꝛouided also and be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforesayd, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned be in any wyle pꝛeiuyciall oꝛ hurtful to the iustices wardeyns shewardes leutenantes and clerkes of the swannimotes of any foꝛrestes parkes oꝛ chales conteyned in this acte, foꝛ oꝛ concerning any of theyꝛ offices powers oꝛ auctoꝛities, but onely foꝛ and concernynge surueying of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of the sayd parkes foꝛrestes oꝛ chales, and the punishment of the offendours therein, and the namynge rulynge and orderyng of the verderours therof.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforesayde, that the mayster of the woodes of the sayde court of Augmentations, oꝛ other offycers of the same court, shall petely pay oꝛ cause to be payde of suche summes of money  
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as shall verely ryse and come of the woodsales to be made of or in the sayde parkes forrestes and chases aforesayd, all and all maner of fees and wages as of olde tyme hath bene accustomed to be payde for the exercyng of any offyce within the sayde parkes forrestes and chases, accordyng to a certificate by wrytynge therof to be made vnto the sayde maister of the woodes by and from the iustices of the forrestes or any of them or any theyr deputie or deputies in the same offyce, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde maister of the woodes for the tyme beyng, shall make payment of all and all maner of reparations nedefull to be done in and vpon any pale rayle & lodge with in any of the sayd parkes forrestes & chases, and assigne tymber for the same vpon any request therof to be made in wryting by and from the sayd iustices of forrestes: And the said maister of the woodes shall allow all maner of felw & house to be spent and occupied within the sayde parkes forrestes and chases, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vled and accustomed.

And it is also prouided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes chases and forrestes aforesayd or any of them, but by the assent of the iustices of forrestes for the tyme beyng, within whose auctority suche forrestis chases & parkes bene, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the fermes rentes suites and seruices of such and as many of the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, mencioned in this acte, belongyng to the duchy of Lancaster, and countie Palantine of Lancaster, or to eyther of them, shall be answered and payde in the courte of the duchy chaumber at Rocestre, or to the recepuours generall and other ministers of the same courte, in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vled and accustomed. And that al leases hereafter to be made of any of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belongyng to the sayde duchye shall be made vnder the seale of the duchye of Lancaster in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vled, this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge.



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An Acte concerninge the crection of the court of  
Suruepours. Cap. xxxii.

**W**HERE IN THE parliament holden at London, the .xv. daye of Apryll, in the .xliii. yere of the reygne of oure mooste dread soueraygne lord the kynge that now is, and from thens proroged to Westm the laste daye of July, in the .xv. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord, and there then holden, one acte of estatute was made and ordeyned by our sayd soueraygne lord the kynge, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempo-  
call, and the commons in the sayde parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as wel in Englands and wales, as in Wales and the marches of the same, whiche in a Cedula to the sayd act annexed, be expressed, were appointed to be vnder the suruey lettynge and settynge of diuerse persons by the kinges highnes commission assigned, whiche by the sayde acte be named and called, the kinges generall Suruepours of all and syngular the premisses, befoze whom all recepuours bayliffes and other officers and ministers, and all other person and persones whilbe be accountable, of and for all and euerye the premisses, as by the sayde acte moze playnly at large maye appere, The sayde acte to endure vntyll the last daye of the parliament than nexte and immediately ensuyng, whiche sayde nexte parliament, begonne at London the thyrde daye of Nouember, in the .xli. yere of his graces moost noble reigne, & from thens adiourned vnto Westm and there also vpon diuerse prorogations continued and holden the fourth day of February, in the .xlii. yere of his sayd reigne. It was then and there by auctoritie of the same parliament ordeyned and established, that the sayd former acte shulde from thense forth continue for euer, as by the same acte amongst other thinges therein conteyned, moze playnly is shewed and may appere. And for as moche as al and syngular the premisses be appertaining to the kinges moost royal maiestie, as in the ryghte of his imperiall crowne of this realme, which crowne so being imperiall, it is very necessary and expedient, that all possessions landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, beinge any partt parcell or membre therof, shuld be of such nature qualite and condition, as one hole and perfyte bodye vndisembred: so that the officers therof appoynted by the kinges highnes, shulde haue no necessity to haue ayd or assistance of the auctoritie and power of any other court or iurisdiction, of or for the ordeynge surueynge settynge lettynge of any of the premisses, or for leuieng of al and syngular the fermes rentes psones profits and commodities of the premisses, or for the determination and iudgement of any maner cause or causes that myght happen to growe insurge or rise, in or about the same, or any parte therof, wherin the kinges maiestie is partie. Wherfore as well for the good orderynge, and for moze speedy and due administration of Justice to be had of and concerning all and syngular suche the  
kinges



kynges honours castels manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes prestis and summes of money, comprised in a cedula signed oꝛ hereafter to be signed with the kynges signe manuell, with the pssues and profyttes of the same, to be truely answered to the kynges highnes his heyyes and successours. And to thintent the kynges sayde excellentie maiestie, his heyyes and successours may the moze truely and spedily be answered cōtented and payd of the tentes issues fetines reuennies and profyttes, rpsing coming and growinge, oꝛ whych hereafter shall rple come oꝛ growe, of in and vppon all and syngular the honours castels lordshypps manours lades tenementes and o-  
ther hereditamentes aforesayde, with other the premisses, whych be comprised in the sayde cedula, signed with the kynges signe manuel, oꝛ hereafter shall be expressed in any other Cedula hereafter to be assigned, as is aforesayd, in suche court place maner fourme and condition, as hereafter shall be declared bynitted and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeyned and establi-  
shed, by thassent of the kynges sayde maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tem-  
porall, and the commons in this his presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme, as hereafter foloweth in arty-  
cles. That is saye.

**C** First the kyng our soueraigne lord, by auctoritie aforesayde, ordeyneth maketh establi-  
sheth and erecteth a certayne court, commonly to be cal-  
led, The court of the generall Surueyours of the kynges landes: whych  
courte, by auctoritie aforesayde, continually shall be a courte of recorde, and  
shall haue one priute seale to be engraue and made after suche fourme faci-  
on and maner, as shall be appoynted by the kynges hyghnes: whych sayde  
seale shall remayne and be in the order and keping of the same Surueyour,  
that shall be fyrste named in the kynges letters patentes: and in his absence  
to be lette to the nexte offyccer to be named in the sayde letters patentes: and  
in his absence to the thyrde offyccer to be named in the sayde letters patentes.  
**A**nd be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that there shall be certayn per-  
sons to be named by the kynges hyghnes, his heyyes and successours, which  
shall be called the kynges generall Surueyours of the kynges landes, and  
they so named by the kynges hyghnes, his heires & successours, shall be one  
entier offyccer, and shall be the fyrste and pyncipall offyccer in the sayd court.  
**A**lso it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that suche person as now  
is and hereafter shall be Treasourer of the kynges chamber, shall be always  
Treasourer of the reuennies of the sayde court, and shall be offyccer of the same  
courte next vnto the sayde Surueyours.  
**A**lso there shall be one other person lerned in the lawes of the lande, to  
be named by the kynges hyghnes, which shall be callid the kynges Atturney  
of the sayde court, and shall be the thyrde offyccer of the sayde court.  
**A**lso there shall be one person to be named by the kynges hyghnes and his  
heires, which shall be callid the maister of the woodes comingng growynge  
and beyng in and vpon the premisses oꝛ any part parcell oꝛ member therof,  
and shall be the fourth offyccer of the same court.

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**A**lso there shal be as many auditours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be appoynted, whych shal be callyd auditours of the reuenues of the sayde court.

**A**lso there shalbe lyke wyse as many receyuours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be named and appoynted, whych shal be callyd receyuours of suche reuenues, as to them shal be appoynted by the kinges letters patentes.

**A**lso there shalbe one person in the sayd court, to be named by the kinges hyghnes, whych shalbe callyd clerke of the same court: And one other persone whych shalbe callyd clerke of the same court: And one other persone, whych shal be called messanger of the same court, whych clerke vsher and messanger shalbe named by the kinges hyghnes, his heires & successours, and euerye of them shal haue suche yerely fees, rewardes and profytes, for the exercising of the sayd seuerall offces, as the clerke vsher and messanger of the duchy chaumber at Westm have had and perceyued before this tyme.

**A**lso the sayd surueyours, whiche shal be appoynted by the kinges highnes, shal take a corporal othe before the lord chauncellour of England for the tyme beinge after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shal sweare, that ye well and truely shal serue the kynge in the sayd office of the general Surueyours of the reuenues of hys court, callyd the courtte of general Surueyours of his gratis landes, and shal minister equal iustice to ryche and poore, to the beste of youre counnyng wytte and power: And that ye shal diligently procure al thynges, whych maye honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profytte, and to the augmentation of the ryghtes and prerogatiues of hys crowne: and truely vse the kinges seale appoynted to youre offce: And also endeuour your selfe to the vttermost of your power, to se the kyng truly answered of all suche rentes reuenues yssues and profytes, whych shal or maye ryse or growe in your offce, and from tyme to tyme deliuer with speede such as shal haue to do before you: And that ye shal not take or receyue of any persone, any gyfte or rewarde, in any cause or matter dependyng before you: or wherin the kinges highnes shal be partie, wherby any preiudyce hynderance losse, or disherison shal growe or be to the kinges hyghnes, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

**A**lso that the sayd tresorier shal take a corporal othe before y sayd Chauncellour, accordyng to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shal sweare, that ye shal well and truely serue the kynge our soueraigne lord and his people, in the offce of Tresorier of his hyghnes courtte of generalle Surueyours, and ye shal resonably and honestly procure the kinges profyte, and do ryght to all manner of people poore and ryche in those thynges, whych touche your offce: And the kinges tresour ye shal truely kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompte therof shal make from tyme to tyme without any concelement, to and before suche persone and persons as shal be named and appoynted by the kinges hyghnesse, his heires and successours for the same: And further shal do euery thinge, that of ryght appertayneth to your offce:

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to helpe you god and all saynctes.

Also the sayde Atturney shal take a corporal othe before the sayd general surueyours accorpyng to the tenour ensuyng. Ye shal sweare, that ye well and truly shal serue the kyng in all places, for o<sup>r</sup> concernyng any matter o<sup>r</sup> cause that shal concerne o<sup>r</sup> touche the posseltyons and hereditamentes, lymp<sup>t</sup>ted to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kinges profyte therof: And ye shal truly counsell the kyng and the Surueyours and Treasourer of this court in all thinges concernyng the same, to the best of youre commynge wytte and power, and with all speede and diligence from tyme to tyme, at the calling of the sayd surueyours and treasourer, you shal endeuour your selfe for the hepyng and determination indifferently of suche matters and causes, as shal depende before the sayde surueyours and treasourer: And that ye shal not take any gyfte o<sup>r</sup> rewarde in any matter o<sup>r</sup> cause dependyng in the same court o<sup>r</sup> els where, wherein the king shalbe partie, whereby the kinges maiestie shal be hurted hyndred o<sup>r</sup> disenheryted: And further do all and euery thyng, that shal appertayne vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

Also that the mayster of the sayd woodes shal take a corporal othe before the sayde general Surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shal sweare, that ye well and truly shal serue the kyng oure soueraygne lorde in the office of mayster of the woodes of thys court, and that ye shal make true sale and sales of all woodes and vnder woodes, belongyng to youre office, accorpyng to the auctoritie gyue vnto you by this acte of generall Surueyours, o<sup>r</sup> any other acte o<sup>r</sup> actes to be made concernyng the sayd general surueyours, for the kinges most aduantage; and nothyng concele, but trewe accompt make of all summes of money receyued for the same, and all other profytes, wherewith ye shalbe lausfully charged by reason of youre sayd office: Ye shal make no petition, no<sup>r</sup> aske allowaunce, but suche as shalbe good iuste true and reasonable: And ye shal do all and euery thinge and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of youre office, accorpyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

Also that euery of the sayd auditours shal take a corporal othe before the sayde general surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shal sweare, that ye shal well and truly serue the kinge in youre office, and shal not take o<sup>r</sup> receyue of poore o<sup>r</sup> ryche, any gyfte o<sup>r</sup> rewarde, in any matter o<sup>r</sup> cause depēdyng o<sup>r</sup> to be discussid in the same court, but suche as shal be youre ordinary fees: And ye shal do all and euery other thyng, which shal appertayne vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

Also that euery of the sayde receyuours, shal take a corporal othe before the sayd general surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shal sweare, that ye truly shal serue the king in your office, & nothing concele, but true accompt make of all suche reuenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profytes, wherewith ye shalbe lausfully charged by reason of youre sayd office: you shal make no petition no<sup>r</sup> aske allowaunce, but suche as shal be good iust & true  
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and reasonable: And ye shall do all and every thyng and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of youre office, accordyng to the fourme and effect of this acte, so god you helpe and all saynctes.

¶ Also the sayd clerke of the court shall take a corporal othe before the sayd general Surueyours after the tenour ensayng. Ye shall swere, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in your office of clerke of the sayd court, and truly do and execute all and every thing and thynges, whiche ye oughte to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the sayde general Surueyours from tyme to tyme, as they shall requyre you, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

¶ Also that the sayd Messenger shall take a corporall othe before the sayd general Surueyours of the sayde court, after the tenour ensayng: Ye shall swere, that ye shall wel and truly serue the kyng in your office of Messenger of this court, as well in spedy seruyng all and synguler processe to you to be deliuered without fraude couyn gyle or decept, as also making true and spedy certificat to this court of the same: and that you well and trulye do and execute all and every other thing and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of youre sayde office, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as wel all the sayd honours castels lordships manours meles landes, tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencios portions aduousons patronages forrestes parkes chaues warrens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, as also all other thyng and thynges mencioned in the sayd Cedula, signed with the kynges sygne manuell, or whiche hereafter shall be compryled in any other cedula, hereafter to be signed by the kynges maiestie, as is aforesayde, and deliuered to the sayde general surueyours, shall be onely in the order suruey rule and gouernaunce of the sayde court.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd general surueyours Treasourer attourney and mayster of the woodes, or thre of them, wherof the one of the sayde general surueyours shall be one, shall haue full power and auctoritie from henceforth, to call before them al and syngular recepuours, bayliffes, and all other officers and ministers, accomptable to the kynges hyghnesse, and every of them, and all and everye other persone and periones, that now be, or that hereafter shall be accomptable, chargeable, or answerable to the kynges hyghnesse, of or for any thyng or thynges compryled or conteyned in the sayde Cedula, or that hereafter shall be compryled in any other cedula, signed with the kynges sygne manuell, and deliuered to the same Surueyours, as is aforesayde, and shall haue full power and auctoritie, from henceforth, to compelle the sayde accomptantes, to accompte before them, and also to examyne, here, and determine theyr accomptes, and all circumstances thereof, and to do, and execute all and everye thyng and thynges, in and vpon everye of the sayde accomptes, as wel for the sure payement and satisfaction of suche rentes, fermes, dues, profyttes, reuenewes, debtes, and duties,



as bene or shall growe vnto the kynges hyghnes by reason of the same, as in and for allowance and paymentes of fees wages diettes reparations vacations rentes resolute rewardes or other thynges what so euer by theym thought requisite and conuenient by theyr discretions. And generally shall haue full power and auctorite, to leuy or cause to be leuied to the kynges vse by alwayes and meanes by their discretions, al and singular the rentes fermes yssues reuenues profits arerages dettes & dutties, that shall growe and be due to the kyng, of in or by reason of the honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, committed or to be committed by auctorite of this acte, to the suruey rule order and gouernance of the sayd court of surueyours, & of the officers and ministers therof aforesayde. And that the sayd general surueyours treasurer attourney and maister of the woodes, or thre of them, as is aforesayde, from henceforth, shall haue full power and auctorite, to comynpte all and every the sayde accomptantes, and other persons owynge any dettes or duttie to the kynges hyghnes, by reason of the premises or any of them, to pyson, as wel yf they be founde in arerages vpon their accomptis, as if any of them do refuse to make their accomptes, as is aforesayd, or pay thei sayd dettes, and to let them to baile and mainpryse, or to any other suretie at all tymes, as they by their discretions shall thinke reasonable, as well for the sure payment therof, as also for the contentation and paymente of all suche arerages forsettes dettes and peynes as any of the sayde accomptantes, or other shall be founde in: and all other thynges concerninge the premises, and every parte of them, as to theym shall seeme conuenient. And that the sayd general surueyours treasurer attourney and maister of the woodes, or thre of theym, as is aboue sayde, shall haue full power and auctorite, to acquite and discharge all & euery accomptant and accomptantes, that haue or shall finishe and determine his or thei accomptes or accomptes before them, and al and singular other persons, that shall pay iustly and trewely theyr dettes due to the kyng by reason of the premises or any of them. And that al and singular accomptantes and Quictus est, signued by the sayd general surueyours treasurer attourney and maister of the woodes, or thre of them, as is aboue sayde, shall be entolled in the recordes before them, and that be a good sufficient acquittance and discharge to the partie or parties, to whom they shall be made, so and for all maner such accomptes dettes and other thynges, for or concerninge the premises, or any parte or parcell therof.

¶ Be it also enacted by the sayde auctorite, that the sayd general surueyours shall haue full power and auctorite from henceforth, to comynant demise let or set to ferme, for terme of. xxi. yeres, or vnder, to any person or persons, any of the landes tenementes hereditamentes or other profits what so euer they be, contayned in the sayde cedula, or whiche hereafter shall be comyned in any other cedula, to be signed and deliuered as is aforesayd, or knowen repared by taken, as parcell of the landes tenementes or hereditamentes contayned in the sayde Cedula, or in any other Cedula hereafter, to be signed

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and deliuered as is aforesayde. And also all and euery the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche be or hereafter shall be conteyned and specified in any chaumberlaynes accompte, receyours accompte, baylyffes accompte, ministers accompte, or the accompte of any officer or officers, whiche maye by force of this acte, or by auctoritie of any Cedula signed or hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesayd, be viewed examined seen or controlled by the sayde surueyours, by what soeuer name or names the sayd landes tenementes and other the premises, or any of them be called: the same lease or leases to be made in maner and fourme folowynge; That is to saye that all and euery byll or bylles of lease of any of the premises, for terme of xxi. yerres or vnder, wherof the yerely ferme or rent reserved shal extende and amount to the yerely value of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. or above, that shall be hereafter signed with the handes of the sayd general Surueyours, shalbe a sufficient & immediate warrant vnto the kynges principall secretoarie for the tyme being, to make or cause to be made in the kynges name, letters of warrant, sealed with the kynges signet, accordynge to the tenour forme and effecte of the sayde byll or bylles, to the lord keper of the kynges priuie sealed and ther vpon the lord priuie scale shall make or cause to be made other letters of lyke warrant, sealed with the priuie scale, to the lord Chauncellour of Englande, or lord keper of the kynges great scale, Chancellour or chaumberlaynes of any his countiees Palantynes, or principalltye of Wales. And that the same warrant vnder the priuie scale, shalbe a sufficient & immediate warrant to the Chancellour of England that now is, or that hereafter shal be, and to the chauncellour and chaumberlaynes, and other officers of the countiees palatynes and principalltie of Wales that now be, and that hereafter shal be, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kynges grate scale, and other his graces scales, being in their custody, in due fourme to be made accordynge to the tenour effect purposse and course of the sayd priuie scales, to them in that behalfe directed accordynge to the acte therof made. In the xxvii. yeres of the reygne of oure sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, payinge and yeldynge suche fees for the same, as wel to the signette and priuie scale, as in the kynges Chancerye, as hath ben vsed and accustomed, and also payinge suche fees to the sayde Chancellour and Chaumberlaynes, and other officers of the sayde countiees Palantynes, Chester, Wales and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben vsed for the same. And that all and euery bylle and bylles of leases of any the premises, for terme of xxi. yerres, or vnder, wherof the rente and ferme reserved shal be vnder the yerely value of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. and signed as is aforesayd, shal be a sufficient and immediate warrant to the Chancellour of Englande for the tyme being, and to all other the kynges Chancellours, Chaumberlaynes, and other officers in the countie Palantyne of Chester and Wales & the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kynges grate scale and other scales, accordynge to the tenour purposse effecte and course of the sayde byll vnto all and euery the aforesayde parties.

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**¶** Provided alwaie that the sayde generall Surueours for the tyme beinge, shall nor hereafter, by auctoritie of this acte, make any lease of the reuerſion of any of the sayd landes tenementes and other the premises being then in lease, vntill they haue a byl or warrant thereof signed by the hande of the kynges maiestie, his heires or successours. Also the sayde Clerke for the tyme being of the sayde court, shall enrolle and regeſter in a great booke of parchement, all and euery lease and leases, and all other wytinges, whiche shall be made and graunted as is abouesayde, of for or concernynge the premises; or any parte or parcell thereof: whiche Regester of enrolmentes shall remaine and be safely kepte in the sayde court, as a recoorde to the kynges vse, by the appoyntment of the sayd general Surueours. And that also the sayd clerke shall entre into a booke the apparances of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the sayde court: and all actes decrees and orders that shall be made by the sayde court, takynge suche fees for the same, and for tryng & enrollinge of any leases, letters patentes, or other wytinges, as the clerke of the Duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take & haue.

**¶** Also the sayde generall Surueours Treasourer Atturney and mayster of the woodes, or thre of them, as is aboue sayde, shall haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisances for all causes and matters now dependynge before the sayd general Surueours, or that hereafter shall depende in this court of general Surueours, of for or concernynge the premises, or any parcell thereof; or of and for any dettes to be due to the kyng, or for any apparance to be made in the sayde court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all suche recognisances by their discretions. And also shall haue full power and auctoritie, to awarde vnder the priuy seale appoynted to the same court, in the kynges name suche procelles & preceptes, with resonable pynes to be therein limited, as be now commonly vsed in the court of the kynges Duchy Chauncery of Lancaster, agaynst euery person or persons what soeuer they be, for or concernynge any thyng or thynges hymitted or appoynted to the order or due of the sayde court, for any the causes or matters aforesayde, and vpon any contempte to punishe the offendour by imprisonment, or other wyse by their discretions.

**¶** Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd officers appoynted to the sayd court, shall diligently from tyme to tyme attende vpon the sayd general Surueours in the sayd court or els where, at the commaundement of the sayd Surueours, for the hearyng and ordeynynge of matters and causes concernynge the same.

**¶** And be it also enacted, that euery of the sayd receyueurs general and particular, shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuie to the kynges vse, all suche pynes fines dettes and profittes as shall be hymitted to his or their charge, and distayne for the same, if neede so require. And that euery of the sayd Surueours and auditors general and particular, so ioyned together by the appoyntment of the sayde court, or the moſte parte of them, shall well and truly suruey all maner of reparacions, nedefull to be done in or vpon any

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pon any of the sayde manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes limyted and appoynted to his or theyr charge: the sayd reparations to be done to the kynges moſte proſpyte and leaſt charge.

¶ And alſo it is ordeyned by auctoꝝytie afoꝝelſayd, that al the rentes fermes yſſues dettes & proſpyttes of the ſayd honours caſtels lordſhyppes manours landes tenementes, and of all other the pꝛemiſſes, whyche be aſſygned to the order ſuruey and gouernaunce of the ſayde courte, as they ſhall growe due and be payable, ſhall be payed and deliuered at ſuche tyme, as hereafter in this acte ſhall be declared, to the handes of the ſayde Treasourer, by euerye of the ſayde receyuours generall and particular, or by ſuche other as ſhalbe indetted to the kyng, to be ſafely kepte to the kynges uſe, vpon payne of foꝝfayture of his or theyr offices and fees.

¶ And alſo it is enacted by auctoꝝytie afoꝝelſayd, that the ſayde auditours, as they ſhall be aſſygned, ſhall perely ryde to the parte to hym or them to be lymytted, betwene the feaſte of ſaynt Michaell the archaungell, and the ſtatiuitie of our lord, and take the accompte of all bayliſſes reues fermours tenants and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his or their aſſignment. And immediately vppon euerye ſuche accompte, ſo to be made and determyned, or befoꝝe the ſayde feaſte of the ſtatiuitie of oure lord, the ſayd accomptantes and euery of them, ſhall well and truly content and paye, or cauſe to be contented and payde to the receyuour therunto deputed, or to be deputed, all ſuche dettes dueties and arerages, as they and euery of them ſhall be found in, and charged with vpon euery ſuch accompte, vpon payne of foꝝfayture of his or their offices and fees.

¶ Alſo be it enacted by auctoꝝytie afoꝝelſayd, that al Receyuours and Chamberlaynes nowe accomptantes, and all other receyuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter ſhal be accomptantes, of or foꝝ any the pꝛemiſſes, conteyned in the ſayd Cedula, vpon lyke payne as is afoꝝelſayd, ſhall perely befoꝝe the fyrſte daye of Marche make and fyniſſhe theyr accomptes, befoꝝe the auditour or auditours, therunto to be aſſigned, of and foꝝ all thinges belonginge to theyr offices, foꝝ the hole yere ended at the feaſte of ſaynt Michaell the archaungell nexte pꝛecedynge the ſayde fyrſte daye of Marche: And immediately vpon the ſame accompte ſo to be made fyniſſhed & determined, or befoꝝe the xx. daye of Marche then nexte ſollowynge, ſhall contente and paye to the ſayde Treasorer, all ſuche duities dettes & arerages, as they or any of them ſhall be charged with and founde in, vpon the determination of euery ſuche accompte, vpon lyke payne, as is afoꝝelſayd.

¶ Alſo it is enacted by auctoꝝytie afoꝝelſayd, that the ſayde auditours Receyuours generalls and particular, at all tymes vppon warnynge gauen to them by the ſayde courte, ſhall aſſemble togyther, as well foꝝ the ordeynynge of the ſayd honours caſtels lordſhyppes manours landes tenementes and other the pꝛemiſſes, as of the tenants of the ſame, from tyme to tyme, as the caſe ſhal require, as foꝝ the viewynge and determination of the ſayd accomptes to be



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tes to be made therof befoze the sayde courte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayd, that al the accomptes of enery pere to be ended at the feaste of saynct Michael tharchaungell, of the sayde receyours Chamberlaynes bayliffes reues ferinours and occupiers of the sayde honours manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes aforesayde shalbe well and perfectly engrossed in parchment by the sayde auditors, and deliuered into the sayde courte, safelpe to be kepte to the kinges hie euery pere verely befoze the Nativite of sayncte John Baptiste next ensuinge the sayde feaste of sayncte Michael tharchangel, vpon peyne to forsayte theyr office and fees.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the Tresourer of the sayd courte shal verely accompt befoze the sayde generall Surueours Atourney and Maister of the woodes, oꝛ afoze the most parte of them, oꝛ afoze suche person oꝛ persones, as the kinges highnes his heires and succellours shal ther vnto name and appoynte, as well of foꝛ and concernyng all and euerye the receytes yssues & profyttes of his office of Tresourer shyp of this courte, as of all and euerye the receytes yssues profyttes dettes and thinges concernyng his office of Tresourer shyp of the kinges Chamber: and that they so herynge the same accompte, shal haue full auctorite and power, to allowe and disallowe vnto the sayd Tresourer all and euery thing oꝛ thinges to be allowed and disallowed vpon his accompt, as by their discretions shal be thought mete and conuenient.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the clarkes of the pety bagge in the kinges Chauncery, shal extrete and certifye into the sayd court of general Surueours a true and iuste transumpt of all offyces and inquisitions hereafter to be found and taken, of foꝛ and concernyng any castelles honours manours lades tenementes hereditamentes oꝛ other possessions, whyche at any tyme hereafter shal come and be in the kynges handes and possession, by reason of any attayndour conuiction oꝛ other foꝛfeiture, be it by wyrt commission oꝛ other wyse returnable in the said Chauncery in lyke maner & fourme as they haue be accustomed to do in the kynges Eschequer in suche cases, and vpon lyke peynes, and shal not from hencefoꝛthe be compelled to certifie any transcriptes of such offyces oꝛ inquisitions into the kinges Eschequer as they were accustomed, any lawe statute custome oꝛ other thinge oꝛ thinges to the contrarye therof had oꝛ made in any wyse not withstanding. And that all inquisitions hereafter to be taken Virtute officii, foꝛ oꝛ concernyng the premisses oꝛ any of them, shal be immediatly returned and certified into the sayd courte of Surueours and not elles where, vpon lyke peyne as is lymitted and hath be vled foꝛ none certificate of suche offyces into the kynges eschequer, any lawe vse oꝛ custome to the contrarye not withstanding.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sayde maister of the sayd woodes foꝛ the tyme beynge, shal suruey oꝛ cause to be surueyed, as wel all the woodes and vnderwoodes, whych be oꝛ hereafter shalbe with  
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in the order suruey and rule of the sayde court, as all and syngular the woodes and vnderwoodes in the kynges forrestis chales parkes and landes of his hyghnes olde enheritaunce of his crowne from tyme to tyme, as he shall thynke conuenient by his discretion, and shall haue full power and auctoritie by the assent of the sayde court, without warrant of the kynges highnesse, to make sale and sales of all and syngular the sayd woodes and vnderwoodes vppon open proclamations thereof to be made in the churche market or other place nexte adioynynge to the same woodes so to be solde, fozeleyng alwayes that the sayde woodes be fensed from tyme to tyme, as nebe shall require, for the increale therof.

**P**rouided alwayes that the said sales of woodes do not extende to greate timber, without the kynges warrant for the same.

**A**lso be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that al and syngular suche summes of money, as shall be recepued for the sale of the sayde woodes and vnderwoodes or any part of the same, shall be deliuered yerely before the feast of all sayntes by the sayde mayster of the woodes, to the Treasourer of the sayde courte for the tyme beyng to the kynges vse.

**A**lso be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no timber or woode requisite and necessary for the reparations of any the castels manours places messuages tenementes pales and rayles of parkes, as wel suche as be in the occupation tenure and holdynge of any the kynges fermours and tenauntes, as also all other whiche be in the kynges handes, beyng any of the castelles manours places messuages or tenementes aforesayde, shall be taken for the same, onelesse they be appoynted and deliuered by the Mayster of the sayde woodes for the tyme beyng, with thassent of the sayde courte, within whose suruey the sayde woodes are growynge.

**A**lso be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Mayster of the sayde woodes shall make yerely in the terme of saynt Michael the archangel a full true and perfecte accompte before the sayd court, of al and euery the woodes as well of for and concernyng all and euery summe and summes of money, concernyng the sayde offyce, as of and for all and euery other thing and thinges that shall belonge and apperteyne to the same.

**A**lso be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd general surueyours and maister of the sayde woodes for the tyme beyng, shall declare yerely to the kynges highnes the profittes and summes of money comynge growynge and risynge of and vpon the sale of al and syngular woodes within his sayde offyce.

**P**rouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act ne any thing therein conteyned, be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Justices wardens stewardes lieutenantes or clerkes of the swainmotes of any forrestes parkes or chales, for or concernyng any of theyr offces powers or auctorities: but onely for and concernynge futureynge of woodes and woodsales to be hadde and made in any parke forrest and chale, and the punyshment of the offenders therein, and the namyng ruling and orderynge of the



of the Verderours therof.

And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the maister of the wooddes shall perely pay or cause to be payde of suche summes of money, as shall perely rpe and come of the sayd woodsales, so to be made in parkes forestes and chases of the kynges olde enheritaunce of his graces crowne, all and al maner of fees and wages, as hath ben of olde tyme accustomed to be payde by the kyng for the exercisynge of any office within the sayde parkes forestes and chases, accordyng to a certificat by wytyng therof to be made vnto the sayde maister of the wooddes, by and from the Justices of forestes or any of them, or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the wooddes for the tyme beyng, shall make payment for all and all maner of reparacions nedeful to be done in & vpon any pale ryle & lodge within any of the sayde parkes forestes and chases, and assigne tymber for the same, vpon any request therof to be made in wytyng, by and from the sayd Justices of forestes. And the sayde maister of the wooddes shall allowe all maner of felwel and brouse to be spend and occupied within the sayde parkes forestes and chases, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vled and accustomed.

And it is also prouided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the maister of the wooddes shall not make any wood sale within the parkes chases and forestes aforesayde, or any of them, but by the assente of the Justices of forestes for the tyme beyng within whose auctoritie suche forestes chases and parkes benne, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithstanding.

Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges Exchequer to or agaynste any persone or persons, for any fermes rentes issues or profits, or other thynges concerning the premises, or any part therof lymitte by this acte to be in the suruey order and gouernance of the sayd court and the ministers therof shalbe clerely voyde and of none effecte.

Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd generall surueyours and Treasourer shall perely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the clere perely value of the sayd honours castels lordshippes manours landes tenementes rentes pcutions portions tithes and other hereditamentes, and other the premises, and what remaineth thereof in the handes of the sayde Treasourer.

Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that al suche manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuertions and other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner of wyse heretofore hath bene or hereafter shalbe in the handes or possession of our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires or successours, by auctoritie of any atteinder excheite or forfayture, let lyeng and being in the countie Palatyn of Lancaster, may at the free wyll libertie and pleasure of our sayd soueraigne lord be assigned limited and appoynted

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appoynted vnto the order surueyng letting and setting of the Chancellour & officers of his sayd duchy, in as large & ample maner & forme as the sayde chancellour and officers of the said duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had vbled & exercised of or vpon any the manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes appertenyng or in any wyse belongyng to the sayd Duchy, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that as well the sayd act of the generall Surueyours, made in the sayde .xliii. and .xv. yeres, as also the sayd acte therof made in the .xxvi. yere of the reygne of our sayd soueraygne lord kynge Henry the right that now is, and euery article clause and matter therein conteyned, shall be from the fyrst daye of Maye, whych shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. clii. vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that all leases grauntes proceffe orders decrees and all & euery other thyng or thynges heretofore lawfully executed and done by the sayd generall Surueyours, and all and euery other thyngs or thynges nowe remainyng or dependyng before them vndiscussed and vndermined by vertue of the sayd former actes, shall be of the same force value strengthe and effecte, as they nowe be or shulde haue ben, yf this acte had neuer be had or made.

¶ Provided also that this act nor any article clause or thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to any landes tenementes possessyons or hereditamentes, which nowe be or hereafter shall be in the suruey rule order and gouernance of the kynges court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, nor shall gyue power vnto the sayd court of Surueyours to make any lease or to take any accompt of or for the same, any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, extend or be in any wyse preiudicial or hurtfull to any the generall Surueyours nowe beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, receiueur or recepuours, surueyout or surueyours, or to any other offycer or offycers, of for or concernyng any of the sayd castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes profyttes or casualties, or any other the premisses, or any parte thereof: but that they and euery of them shal & may haue & enioy their offices, accordyng to the purport tenour and effect of theyr several letters patentes & grauntes, as wel of the kynges maiesty as of any other person, therof to them & euery of them heretofore made, any article clause or matter in this present act mentioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge.

¶ And where the kynges highnes of late, by auctorytie of parliament holde at Westm in y. xxvii. yere of his gracyis reigne, hath erected a certayne court callid the court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crown, and by the same made the same a court of recoorde: and by the same act hath assigned limytted and appoynted dyuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order suruey & gouernance of the same court, with dyuers other articles and clauses in the same acte expressed & declared. And



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where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at Westm, the xxviii. day of Apryl, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of the kyng our souerayne lord, and by dyuers prozogations continued vntyll the. xxv. daye of Maye, in the. xxxi. yere of our sayde souerayne lord: It was enacted and establi- shed, that certayn liberties franchyses iurisdictions and preeminences con- cernyng the same manors landes and other hereditametes, shuld be reuined & be in the order rule and suruey of the same court, to al intentes & purposes, as by the same act made in the sayd. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our sayd soue- rain lord, at large both & may more plainly appere: Be it now ordeined esta- blished & enacted by thautozitie of this present pliamet, that the same acte concerning the establishment of the sayd court of augmentations of the reue- nues of the kynges crowne. And also the sayd acte for reuyning of liberties, shal fro hensforth for ever stand & abide in their full strength effect & vertue after & according to the true intent & mening of the same seuerall actes afoze sayd. ¶ And where the kinges maiesty for dyuers cōsiderations & respectes hath taken bought and purchased of dyuers oꝝ sundrye his gracis subiectes for redy money, promysed to be payde by his gracis officers and surueyours diuers manors landes tchites rentis reuertions woodes & other hereditamē- tes, as well by smal parcels as otherwyse, and part therof hath ben enclosed into parkes oꝝ chardes oꝝ gardens, & the party oꝝ parties haue not ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kinges most gracious hande, and haue ben cōpelled oft & sundry tymes to resort to officers of the sayd court of aug- mentations, for the speddy paymēt of their sayd dutie oꝝ duties, to their inestima- ble costis & charges: And where also diuers & sundry of the late gouernours & rulers of houses of religion, now remayning in the kynges hādes, were & be iustly & truly indetted, & do yet ow to sundry of the kynges subiectes beyng very poore men, aswel for wages bitailes prouision for their houses & money lent & other iust true and good causes, conuerted to the vse of theyr houses, many & great sūmes of money, for the paymēt wherof the same parties haue made & dayly do make continual cōplayntes & suite to the same court of au- gmentations for their speddy payment: and many of the same parties satis- fied & contented by the sayde court of augmentations, & as yet a great num- ber of thē be to be satisfied cōtented & payd, whyche paymentes & satisfacti- ons aswel made as to be made, do require especial warrātes signed with the kinges most gracious hāde. The lack wherof hath bē & is like to be not only a great delay to the kinges true & louing subiectes, for the speddy payment of their dettes & dueties to them due, but also shuld & shalbe a tedious & a cōti- nual traueyl vnto the kynges maiesty for the often sygnyng of the same. In cōsideratiō wherof be it enacted ordeined & established, by thautozite of this present pliamet, that aswel al paymētes & satisfactions heretofore payd as hereafter to be paid by the treasorer & pticular receyuoꝝs for þ tyme being of the same court, by the decree oꝝ cōmandemēt in wytyng of the chancelloꝝ, by the assent of the cōusel of the same courtte, oꝝ the moze part of thē, for the pur- chasing oꝝ bieng of any manors lādes tenemētes oꝝ other hereditamētes al- redy

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redy taken boughte purchasid or enclosed by the kinges commaundement  
 his heires or successours, or hereafter to be taken bought purchasid or inclo-  
 sed, as is aforesayd, as also for the recompence and satisfaction of all laful  
 good true and iust dettes and expences, as wel payed as hereafter to be pay-  
 ed by the sayd treasurer or particular recepuour or recepuours, by the war-  
 raunt of the sayd Chauncellour in wytyng, by the assent of the sayd coun-  
 cell or the more part of them, as is aforesayd (not exceedyng to any one per-  
 son. C.C.li.) shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe agaynst our sayde soue-  
 raygne lord the kyng, his heires and successours for ever, to all ententes  
 and purposes: And that the sayd treasurer and particular recepuour, theyr  
 heires executours and administratours, for the sayd several paymentes by  
 warraunt wytten of the sayde Chauncellour in fourme aforesayde, shal be  
 clevely exonerated acquitted and discharged to all ententes and purposes.  
 And that the same tresorer & receivour and recepuours their heires executours  
 and administratours, shalbe allowed discharged & acquitted therof by his  
 or their declaration of accompt before the Chauncellour and counsaile of the  
 same court, or by his or their accompt made to the auditor appoynted or  
 assigned by the sayd Chauncellour, to take and here the accompt of the same  
 Tresorer or receivour or receivours, their executours or administratours.  
 And where dyvers and sundry obligations and specialties heretofore  
 have ben made to dyvers persons, part of them to the vse of king Henry the  
 vii. father of our now most gracious souerayne lyege lord, and part of them  
 to the vse and behoofe of our sayd now souerayne lord: Be it enacted by the  
 kyng our souerayne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temp-  
 oral, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctor-  
 tie of the same, that all obligations and specialties, which after the fyrst day  
 of May next comyng, shalbe made for any cause or causes touchyng or in  
 any wyse concerning the kinges most royal maiesty or his heires, or to his or  
 their vse comoditie or behoofe, shal be made to his highnes and to his heires  
 kinges in his or their name or names by these wordes, *Domino regi*, and to  
 none other person or persons to his vse, and to be payde to his highnesse by  
 these wordes, *Solvend. eidē domino regi*, hered, *vel executoribus suis*, with  
 other wordes used & accustomed in comon obligatiōs. And that al such obli-  
 gations & specialties so to be made, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe to  
 all purposes and ententes, and shalbe of the same nature kynd qualitie force  
 and effect to al ententes & purposes, as the wytynges obligatorie taken and  
 knowleged accor dyng to the statute of the Staple at Westm hach at any tyme  
 before the making of this present acte, ben taken used exercised & executed a-  
 gaynst any lay pson or psons, any law vsage or custome to the contrary therof  
 notwithstanding. And if all such obligatiōs & specialties, the det wherof be-  
 ing not payd nor contented in the life of the king, shal come remain & be to the  
 heires or executours of the king, at the fre libertie disposition assignement &  
 apoyntment of the same king, to whom such obligations or specialties shal  
 be made as is aforesayd. And if any pson or psons in his or their own proper

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persone or persones, after the sayd fyfthe daye of May, make or take any obligation or obligations to the vse of the kynges maiestie, or of hys heires kynges otherwyle than is befoze expessed, than than such person or persons only that shal so offend, contrary to this present act, for his or their so doing, shall haue and suffer suche imprisonment as shalbe assessed and adiudged by the king, or his most honorable counsell, dayly attendant vpon his highnes most royal person. And that all suites to be made after the fyfth day of April next comming for the recouery of or for any the kynges dettes, in any the kynges courtes mencioned in this acte, of or vpon any obligatiō or specialty dated or deliuered befoze the makynge of this present act, or whiche shal be dated and deliuered to the king or to his vse, afoze the second day of May next commynge, shall be taken sewed and pursued in the name of the king, and in the name of none other persone or persons, to what soeuer person or persons the sayde obligations or specialties or any of them, be haue ben or shal be made to the kynges vse. And that all suites procelle iudgementes decrees and executions hereafter to be taken pursued or gyven for the kyng in any the kynges courtes mencioned in this acte, of for or vpon any of the same obligations last afoze mencioned, shall be of the same or lyke strengthe force effecte and intent in the lawe to al purposes onely agaynst al and all maner suche persone and persones as ben bounden in such obligations or specialties, as well spiritual as tempozall, as agaynst their heires successours executours and admystratozs and euery of them, & agaynst none other, as writynges obligatozies taken and knowledged accordynge to the statute of the staple at Westmyster at any tyme befoze the makynge of this present act, haue ben vbled to be taken exercised and executed agaynst any lape person or persons. And that the kyng in all suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligatiō or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the kyng, or any to his vse, shall haue and recouer his iuste dettes costes and damynages, as other common persones vse to do in suites and pursutes for their dettes. And that all suche suites as now be dependynge in the name of any common persone to his graces vse, wherof no verdict is or befoze the feaste of Easter next commynge shal be gyven or passed, or no exigende awarded, shall abate be voyde and of none effecte. And neuer thelesse the kyng by the auctozptie afozsayd, shall haue his suppe and remedy for the sayde dette soo beyng in action and procelle, in fourme as is afozsayd, in any of the courtes in this acte mencioned, any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctozptie abouesayd, that all and euery suite and suitie, whiche hereafter shall be hadde made or taken, of for or vpon any dette or duties, which heretofore hath growen or be due, or that hereafter shall growe or be due to the kyng, in the seuerall offyces and courtes of his Eschequer, Duchye of Lancaster, Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, Surueyours generall of his manours landes and tenementes, Mayster of the wardes and lyueries, and courte of the fyfth fruties and tenthes, or in any of theym, or by reason or auctozptie of any of theym, shall be seue-

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be severally sued in suche one of the sayde courttes and offyces, in the whiche courtte and office, or by reason of the which court and office, the same dette or due tie by dyde synce growe or become to be due, or hereafter shall growe or become due, or in the which office or court the recognisaunce obligation or specialtites or shall be or remayne. And every suche severall suite and suites shal be made in every of the sayde severall offyces and courttes under the severalle scales of the sayde severall courttes by Capias, Extendi facias, Subpoena, attachment, & proclamations of allegaunce, or vnde shall requyre, or any of theym, or other wyse, as into the sayde severalle courttes shall be thought by the discretions expedient for the speedy recoverye of the kynges debtes. And that the sayde roste of Eschequer, and all and everye of the sayde courttes, shall have hole and full auctoritie and power, to here and determine all and everye suche suite and suites as hereafter shal be taken commenced and pursued for the intent above specified, and therupon to awarde make and do execution by and upon the bodye landes and goodes of the party or parties that so shal be condemned accordyngly. And also shall have full power and auctoritie, to heare and determine all and all maner of dettes detynues trespasses accomptes reconynges wastes dyscretes negligences defaults contemptes complayntes ryottes quarrelles luytes stryfes controversies forsaitures offences and other thynges what so ever they shall be, whiche hereafter shall growe be moved stired procured pursued, or aryse in for or upon any matter cause or other thinge assigned committed, or appoynted or hereafter to be assigned committed or appoynted to the severall discretions orders and governaunces of the same courttes or any of them, or for or upon any maner of thyng or thynges, whiche may or shall touche or in any wyse concerne the same, wherein the kyng shall be onely partie. And also all maner of states for terme of yeres betwene party and party concerninge the premisses, and to correcte and punyssh by their discretions all and everye persone & persones, whiche before theym shall be convicted of any of the premisses, accordyng to the nature qualitie and quantite of his or theys offence or offences, cause or causes, matter or matters, all and all maner of treasons murders felonies estates rightes titles and interestes, as well of inheritance as of freholde, other then ioynters for terme of lyfe onely excepted and alwayes reserved.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any persone or persons shall make or pretende any clayme right title interest or possession, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned solde or exchaunged, or hereafter to be bargayned solde or exchaunged by the kyng our soweraygne lord, to any person or persons in fe simple or fee taite by his highnes letters patentes made or to be made therof under his great scale of Englande, upon whiche letters patentes there is or shalbe reserved any annual rentes or fermes payable to the kynges highnes his heires or successors in his sayde courtte of Augmentacions, or demaunde or take any rentes annuities offyces fees or other profittes in out or of anye such manours

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landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, conteyned oꝛ to be compyled in any  
suche letters patentes, made oꝛ hereafter to be made as is aforesayde. Oꝛ yf  
our sayde soueraygne lord his heyres oꝛ successours, shal make oꝛ pretende  
any clayme ryght title interest oꝛ possession, in oꝛ to any manours landes te-  
nementes oꝛ hereditamentes, bargayned solde oꝛ exchaunged, oꝛ to be bar-  
gayned solde oꝛ exchaunged, by the kyng his heyres oꝛ successours, to any  
persone oꝛ persons in fee symple oꝛ fee tayle, by his oꝛ theiꝝ letters patentes  
therof made oꝛ hereafter to be made vnder his oꝛ theiꝝ great seale of Englaḡ  
vpon whiche letters patentes is oꝛ shalbe reserved any annual rentes oꝛ fees  
mes payable, oꝛ whiche shalbe payable to the kyng his heyres oꝛ successours,  
in his sayde court of Augmentations: Oꝛ yf the kyng his heyres oꝛ succes-  
sours, demaunde oꝛ aske any rentes annuities oꝛ other profites oꝛ heredita-  
mentes of any estate of inheritance, in oꝛ out of any manours landes  
tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes conteyned oꝛ compyled, oꝛ to be conteyned oꝛ  
compyled; appoynted oꝛ to be appoynted oꝛ assigned, to the sayde court of  
Augmentations, in any letters patentes made oꝛ hereafter to be made, as is  
aforesayde: That than the Chawncellour of the sayde court of Augmen-  
tations, by the assent of the consaile of the sayde court, oꝛ the moze parte of  
them, shal haue power and auctoritie by auctoritie of this act, to examine al  
suche demandes ryghtes titles interestes & possessions, rentes annuities of-  
fices fees and other profites & hereditamentes, what soeuer they shalbe, and  
euery of them so to be demanded pretended claymed oꝛ asked, as is aforesayd,  
and by wytnes pꝛofes and other wayes and meanes by their discretions, to  
here and determyne the same. And in case the kynges patentees in any suche  
letters patentes as is aforesayde, oꝛ any of them, theiꝝ heyres successours oꝛ  
assignes, shal be compelled by the auctoritie of the sayd court of Augmen-  
tations, by decree oꝛ iudgement of the same court, to render and yelde to any  
person oꝛ persons in fee symple oꝛ fee tayle, the landes tenementes oꝛ heredita-  
mentes compyled oꝛ specified in any suche letters patentes, oꝛ any parcel of  
them, oꝛ to suffer any person oꝛ persons to haue and enioy any offices rentes  
annuities oꝛ other profytes oꝛ hereditamentes in fee symple oꝛ in fee tayle,  
out oꝛ of the same, oꝛ out oꝛ of any parcell thereof: And that it shal appere  
in the sayde letters patentes, that the kyng his heyres oꝛ successours, is oꝛ  
shall be bounden, oꝛ of ryght and equitie oughte to recompence and satysfie  
the sayd patentees, theiꝝ heyres successours executours oꝛ assignes, oꝛ any of  
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nuities rentes offices fees oꝛ other profytes recovered in fee symple, oꝛ fee  
tayle, by decree oꝛ iudgement of the sayd court, as is aforesayde: oꝛ els to dis-  
charge and acquyte the sayd patentees, theiꝝ heyres successours executours  
and assignes, of oꝛ foꝛ any rentes annuities offices fees oꝛ other profites a-  
foresayde, recovered by decree oꝛ iudgement in fee symple oꝛ fee tayle, as is  
aboue sayde. Oꝛ yf it shal appere vnto the sayd court of Augmentations, oꝛ  
vnto the moze part of them, that the kyng his heyres oꝛ successours of ryght  
and equitie ought to haue recouer oꝛ enioy, in fee symple oꝛ fee tayle, any  
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manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes in any suche letters patentes comprysed, or any rentes annuities offices fees or other profytes in out or of the same: That than in al and every such case and cases the sayd Chancellour of the Augmentations for the tyme beinge with thallent of thre or more suche persones as hereafter shall be named by the kyng his heires or succellours, shall have full power and auctoritie without any byll or warrant to be signed or sued from the kyng his heires or succellours for the same, as well to recompence and satisfie the partie or parties grieved, so muche in money of the kynges treasure remaininge in the sayd court of Augmentations, as the sayde manours landes tenementes rentes annuities offices fees or other profytes or hereditamentes, losse or recovered by decree or iudgement of the sayde court of Augmentations, as is aforesayde, shall be worth to be solde or otherwise discharge and acquite such person or persons therof accordynge to his or theyr letters patentes, as also to make and take order direction decree and iudgemente for the kyng his heires and succellours, for the recoverie attaynyng and hauynge of all and singular suche manours landes tenementes rentes annuities offices fees profytes and hereditamentes, and all and every other thyng and thinges, which the kyng his heires and succellours by and upon furthe examination and examynations, ought shuld and shall be iustly intitled to haue recouer possede or enjoy in fee simple or in fee taylor: And the same decree direction order and iudgemente to be good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde all parties and pynnes to the same to all intentes & purposes. And where any decree or iudgement whiche shal be gyuen in the sayd court of augmentations for any the premises, extende to the losse of the kynges patentee or patenters, then heires succellours executours or administratours, but for terme of lyfe or lyues of the demaundant or demaundantes, pleyntiffe or pleyntiffes, or for terme of yerres, the losse wherof the kyng is bounden and ought to recompense discharge or acquite by his letters patentes: than the sayde Chancellour of the augmentations shal have full power and auctoritie to recompence or discharge the same in money, as is aforesayd, or els to recompence the same of the landes tenementes hereditamentes and possessions lymitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde court of Augmentations, to be graunted vnder the seale of the same court by the discretion of the sayde Chancellour, as shal seme to him best for the kynges profyte, without any byll or warrant to be sued or signed by or from the kyng for the same. And that every such recompence satisfaction and dyscharge, to be made by auctoritie of this act, to any persone or persons by the sayde Chancellour, as is aforesayde, shall be good and effectuell agaynst the kyng his heires and succellours, any lawe vsage or custome to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abovesayde, that euery of the sayde courtes shall haue full power and auctoritie, by force of this acte, to set such fynes penalties and amerciamentes vpon parties, shryffes officers and other persones, for his and theyr defaultes, contemptes negligences or mysdoes:



in benedicuous, as vnto the sayde courtes or vnto any of them that be reasonablie considered as thought expedient. And that al and euery tryal and tryalles, of all and all manner of suites billes pleyntes informations declarations compleynes and heres replications allegations causes matters and pces of any of the, to be pursued made or tried in the sayde seuerall courtes or any of them, shall be made and tried by due examination of wythes wytes, pces, or by such other wayes or meanes, as by the sayde seuerall courtes or by any of them shall be thought expedient. And that all and euery such ingenuer and ingenuer bettes or decrees examination & examinations that be good perfect and in full strength force and effecte in the law to all intents constitutions and purposes.

¶ And wherby these land persons hand bounden to the kynges highnes in by the great and notable summes of moneye, by recognisaunce or other bondes, in the sayd seuerall courtes for bettes due to the kynges by hyghes, as well for the purchase of landes and woodes and perfourmance of condicions, as also for diuers and sundy other causes: And al be it the same persons haue wel and truly satisfied contented and payed the same bettes or performed the condicions of the same recognisaunces or other bondes, yet the same recognisaunces or other bondes can not be made by the without the kynges especiall warrant, whiche shoulde be moche vniquietnes to the kynges maieste, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his hyghnes from tyme to tyme for the same. In consideration wherof, and for as moche as the sayde persons beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, or in other bondes, maye by diuerse casualties lose theyr acquitances, wherby greet danger and perill may growe to them theyr heyres executours and successors: Be it therefore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that vpon the sight of the acquitaunces made or to be made for the payment of the sayde dette or bettes by name or summes of moneye, growen or to be growen, or due and sufficient pces made or hereafter to be made before the sayde seuerall heade officers for the tyme beinge of the sayde seuerall courtes, as the case shal rise or growe, or of the condicions of the same recognisaunce or bonde be performed or kept: That from euery such seuerall heade officer, for that recognisaunce taken or to be taken by hym or any of his predecessours, or for any other bonde for tyme by gone within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctorite to cancell and make by the sayde recognisaunce or other bonde, calling to hym such of the same courtes as to hym or them shal seme mooste conueniente for the cancellation of the same recognisaunce or bonde.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that the same cancellation so made, shall be a sure and sufficient discharge of the same recognisaunce or other bonde, to all and euery such person or persons, as vnto or shall be bounden in the same recognisaunce or bonde, so cancel-

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so cancelled agaynst the kynges highnes his heyres executours and successours for ever.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the same severall head officers for the tyme being, in every of the sayd severall courtes, shall have full power and auctoritie to discharge, cancell, or make voyde by his or theys discretion, all and synghular recognisances now made or hereafter to be made in the sayd court, for any apparance or other contempt. And that the same head officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to be bounden, to be discharged agaynst the kyng our sayde soueraygne lord his heyres executours & successors for the cancellation of the same recognisance.

¶ And where the kynges maiestie sithen the making of the same statute in the sayde xxvii. yere of his noble reygne, of his own mere motion liberalitie and benignitie, hath frely gyven and graunted by his sundry letters patentes vnder his great seale of England, vnto dyuers and sundry of the nobles and lordes, as well spirituall as temporall of this his realme, and also vnto diuers and many other persons and bodies politike, to their heyres and successors, and to the heyres of theys bodies, or for terme of yers or lyues, dyuers and many sundry honours castelles manours landes tenementes rectories pentiones portions and other hereditamentes, whiche than were in the order gouernaunce and suruey of the same courtes of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his gracts crowne, or out of any other of the sayde severall courtes, reseruyng vnto his maiesty his heyres and successors by the same letters patentes, one yerely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth part of the yerely value of the same pemysses, or any other rent payable and to be payed in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes deputed and assigned for the same, at one certayne frast or day in the same letters patentes mencioned and declared, which sayd persons so aduanced, not withstanding they haue sithen and after the making of the same letters patentes peably enioyed the same manors landes tenementes and hereditamentes so gyven, and therof haue quietly perceyued and taken the yssues reuenues and profyttes therof: yet neuerthelesse, dyuers of the same personnes haue not at the dayes and feastes assigned and lymytted vnto them in the same letters patentes, nor yet in long tyme after the same dayes and feastes of payment therof, contented and payd in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes assigned and deputed for the same, the said yerely rent or rentes so reserued to the kynges highnes, contrarie to thei duties, and agaynst all reason and good conscience. In consideration whereof, be it therefore now ordeyned enacted and establisshed, by the assent of the kynges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any persons of what estate degree or condition so euer he be, or body politike, to whome the kynges maiestie hath by his letters patentes vnder his great seale of Englande, or vnder the great seale of the same court of Augmentations, gyven or graunted, or hereafter shall gyue or graunt, with lyke reseruation of rent



of rentes, any manors landes tenementes rectories or other hereditamentes what soever, whiche were or hereafter shall be in the order governaunce and charge of the same courttes, or any of thein, to be had to them and theire heyres or successors, or for any other estate of inheritaunce, or for terme of tyme or lyues, yelovynge and reserpyng to the same our sayd soueraygne lord the kyng his heyres and successors, one petely rent at one certayne daye or feast in the same letters patentes expressed mentioned and declared, and to be payed into the same courttes, that if the same persons bodies politike their heyres successors or assignes, or any of them, do not truly content or paye or cause to be contented or payed unto the treasurer of the sayd severall courttes, or to the generall or particular receyvoir of the same severall courttes, deputed and assigned for the same for the tyme beinge, to the vse of the kinges highnes, at the daye or feast bymitted by the same letters patentes, or within the monethes nexte and immediately after the same daye or feast of payement therof, all such summes of money, whiche ben or hereafter shall be due reserved to the kinges maiestie his heyres & successors, by the same letters patentes or by any of them, or make sufficient tender therof to the said Treasurer or generall or particular receyvoir, that than every of the same persons, bodies politike, theire heyres successors or assignes, for lacke & default of payement of the same rente, to forsaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heyres & successors as moche money as the fourth parte of the same rent so reserved or hereafter to be reserved for one yere, both or shal amount unto for and in the name of one penyne, over and above the same rent reserved or hereafter to be reserved. And if it happen the same persones bodies politike their heyres successors or assignes or any of the, do not within one half yere next after the day or feast expressed in the same letters patentes, content or pay, or lawfully tender unto the same Treasurer, or generall or particular receyvoir, to the vse of the kinges maiestie his heyres or successors, as wel the said petely rente so reserved or hereafter to be reserved, as also the sayd summe of money so payed for in the name of a penyne: that then the same persons bodies politike, theire heyres successors or assignes, so offending, shall forsaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heyres and successors, so moche money as the moety or halfe deale of the same rent reserved or to be reserved for one yere, both or shal amount unto, over and above the sayd rent reserved or to be reserved, and so to forsaite and lose for every half yere after, so moche money as the hole rente reserved or to be reserved, for one hole yere, both or shal amounte unto, until the same rent so reserved or to be reserved, and the arerages of the same, and also the sayde summes of money so forsaite and losse for a penyne, ben unto the same Treasurer or generall or particular receyvoir truly satisfied contented and payed, to the vse of the kinges highnes his heyres and successors.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shal be lesful to the same Treasurer and generall or partycular receyvoir, to distrayne as wel for the same rente so reserved or to be reserved, and for the arerages of the same

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the same, as also for the sayde summes of money so forsayted or to be forsayted and losse, for and in the name of the peyne aforesayde. And also the heade officer or officers of eyther of the same courtes for the tyme beinge, vpon certificate to hym made or to be made of the same defaulte and contempte, shall and maye awarde suche proces out of the same courtes agaynst the same offender for not payinge of the sayd rente so reserued, or to be reserued, and also for the same summes of money forsayted and to be forsayted by this acte, as by his or theyr discretion shall seme conueniente.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any personne or persones hereafter make lawefull payment to any of the sayde Treasurers or generall or particular recepuour of any of the same courtes, deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kynges highnes his heyres or successours, for any yerely rente or tenth, and vpon or after suche paymente offer vnto the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, one lausful and sufficient acquitaunce redy made to be assigned by the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, wytnessynge the receypte of the sayde summe or summes of money so payed: that then the sayde Treasurer generall or particular Recepuour, shall with his owne hande assigne the same acquitaunce, without takyng any fee or reward for makynge of the same acquitaunce, vpon peyne to forsayte and lose for euerye tyme offendynge contrarie to this acte. xl.s. one moytie wherof to be to the kynges highnes, and the other moytie to the partie that wylle pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shall happen to paye to the same treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, any suche summe or summes of money, and do not bynge an acquitaunce with hym to be signed as is beforesayd: that then if the same treasurer or generall or particular recepuour, vpon request to him made, shall make & delyuer vnto the same partie oone sufficiente acquitaunce, testifyenge the same receypte, that then the same Treasurer or generall or particular recepuour or any of his clarkes shall not receyue or take of the same partie for the makynge of the sayde acquitaunce, not aboue foure pence, vpon peyne to forsayte for euery such acquitaunce. xx.s. for whiche he or they shall happen to take aboue the sayde summe of. iiii. to be recouered as is befoze sayde, that is to saye, the oone moity therof to the vse of the kynges highnes of his heyres and successours, and the other moytie therof to the partie that wyl pursue for the same.

¶ And be it also enacted, that the same acquitaunce shall be a sufficient discharge accordynge to the tenour and effecte of the same.

¶ And be it also further enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that yf any of the same generall or particular recepuours, whiche now be or hereafter shall be within any of the sayde courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuitie pention or other rente: that then if the same person or person, vpon the receipt therof delyuer vnto the same generall or particular recepuour one sufficiente and lausfull acquitaunce sealed and signed testifyenge the same receypte: that then the same generall or particular recepuour,



our shal receiue the same acquittance, without taking or receyuing any fee or rewarde for the makynge of the same. And yf the same party, to whom the sayd general or particular recepuour hath so contented and payde any such annuitie, pension, or rent, do not bypnyng with him one sufficient acquittance, signed and sealed, testifieng the receipt of the same money, by reason wherof the same generall or particular recepuour by hym selfe or his clerke maketh one acquittance for the recepyt of the same annuitie pentiō or rent, than than the same recepuour or his clerke, shall not receyue or take for the makynge of any suche acquittance, whyche he shall soo happen to make, not aboue. iiii. s. vpon payne to forsayte for euery suche acquittance, whiche he shall happen to refuse, beyng redy made and offered to be deliuered to him as is aboue sayd xx. shyllynges. And for euery acquytaunce whiche he shall hereafter happen to make for any of the paymentes aforesayde, and to receyue for the makynge of the same acquytaunce aboue the sayde summe of. iiii. pence, to forsayte. xx. s. the one moytie to be to the kynge, and the other moytie to the partye that wyll sewe for the same. And also that the same generall or particular recepuours or theyr deputies, whiche hereafter shall happen to pay any suche annuitie pentyon or rente, shall not reteyne or take of the partye, to whome he shall happen to pay the same, in the waye of rewarde or otherwyse, not aboue the summe of foure pence of euery pounce, whiche the same generall or particular recepuour shall so happen to paye, vpon payne to forsayte. vi. s. viii. d. for euery peny, whiche he or they shall happen to receyue aboue the sayde summe of. iiii. d. for euery pounce, whiche he or they shall soo happen to paye: the one moytie of the same forsayture to be to the kynge, and the other moytie to the party that wyll sue for the same. And that all the sayd suites, concernyng the sayd forsaytures, may be commenled and pursued by byl information or action, in which suite none elloyne protection or wager of laue to be admytted.

And be it further enacted, that yf any person or persons hereafter happen to sende or offer vnto any of the auditours of the same seuerall courtes, for the tyme being, any of the kynges letters patentes decrees of any of the same seuerall courtes grauntes indentures of leases, as well for terme of yeres, as for terme of lyfe or lyues, to be inrolled befoze the same auditour, accor- dyng to his offyce: than than the same auditour, vpon the same tender or offer, shall enroll the same, or as moche of the same letters patentes decrees grauntes or indentures, as shall apperteyne to his sayde offyce. And yf any of the same auditours or any of theyr clerkes, or any other to theyr vse, or to the vse of any of them, receyue and take for the inrollement of any of the same letters patentes decrees grantes or indentures, or for the allowance of the same aboue the summe of. iiii. s. iiii. d. that then the same auditour or his clerk so offendyng shall forsayte. vi. s. viii. d. for euery peny, which p same auditour or any of them, shall happen at any tyme hereafter to receyue contrary to the fourme aforesayde, the one moytie of the same forsayture to be to the kynges hyghnes, and the other moytie to hym that wyll sewe for the same by suche

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by suche maner and forme as is aforesayd.

**A**nd be it also further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that every auditor of every of the sayde severall courttes yerely in every countie within theyr sayde seueralle lymyttes, by the space of twentye dayes or more before theyr audite, shall proclayme and declare in .iiii. seuerall markettes or other places, the place and dayes, where and whan they wll kepe theyr seuerall audites in the same shyre. vpon payne to forsayte for every tyme doinge the contrary. v.li. the one moety wherof to be to the kynges highnesse, and the other moety to the partie that wll sue for the same in fourme aforesayd. And that also every of the auditours of the sayde seuerall courttes, beinge seuerally assygned to theyr seuerall lymittes, and euery of the particullar recepuours of the same seuerall courttes, beinge also seuerally assygned and ioyned with the same seuerall auditours in theyr sayd seuerall lymittes, after and betwene every of the feastes of saynt Michael the archangell and Christmasse, shall direct and awarde theyr seuerall warrantes and preceptes vnder theyr seales, to every of the recepuours baylyffes reues and other officers what so euer accomptable before the same auditours, and by the same warrant or precepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, every of the sayd recepuours baylyffes reues and other officers, to appere before theym at one certayne daye and place in the same warraunt or precepte to theym prescribed, there to declare and make a iuste and true accompte of all suche receyptes, wherof they be accomptable, and owe to accompte. And after yf the same audytours and particullar recepuours do repayre vnto the same place, and there kepe theyr audite, accoꝝdyng to the same proclamations precepte and warraunt: that than yf any recepuour, baylyffe, reue, or other officer, beinge accomptable of or for any of the manours landes tenementes or other what so euer heredymentes, now repayryng or whiche hereafter shall be and remaine in the order gouernance or suruey of any of the same seuerall courttes, be lawfullie warned, as well by the same proclamation or by precepte or warrant in wytyng and sealed, and in the name of any of the Audytours of the sayde seueralle courttes, personallie to appere by hym selfe, or by his suffycient and lawfull deputye before the same audytour and recepuour at one certayne daye and place, in the same warrant or precepte prescribed, there to make and declare a iuste and a trewe accompte of all the receyptes of his sayde office. And yf the same recepuour, reue, baylyffe, and other officer, soo beinge lawfullie warned, do not appere before the same audytour and recepuour, at the same daye and place in the sayde warraunt expessed: Or yf the same recepuour, baylyffe, reue, or officer, do at the same daye and place to theym prescribed, appere, and wll not accompte before the same audytour, accoꝝdyng to the tenour and effecte of the same precepte or warrant, or if the same recepuour baylyffe reue or other officer accomptable, do by hym selfe or by his suffyciente and lawfull deputye appere before the same audytour and recepuour, and than and there enter into his or theyr accompte before the sayde audytour



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tour, and after the same accompte fynished and ended, if the same recepuour baylyffe reue oꝝ other officer, do not contente and paye vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courtes, oꝝ to the generall oꝝ particular recepuour of the same countie foꝝ the tyme beinge, as the case shall require, within thre weekes nexte and immediately after the same accompte fully fynished and ended, all suche summes of moneye, whiche bypon the determination of his sayde accompte he shall happen to be founde in arretages, and the same defaute and contempte beyng duely pꝛoued befoꝝe the heade officer oꝝ officers of the said seuerall courtes foꝝ the tyme beinge: that then euerye suche recepuour baylyffe reue oꝝ officer, so offendynge, to foꝝsayte and lose his sayde offyce, and also his fee, whiche he oꝝ they hadde and perceyued foꝝ the exercisynge of the same offyce.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctoritie of this pꝛesente parlyamente, that if any of the sayde recepuours baylyffes reues oꝝ other officers, bypon the declaracion of the sayde accomptes, do wꝛylyngely concele and withdꝛawe any rente reuenue fyne herriet, oꝝ other casualltye what soo euer it be, of the whiche he oughte to haue made accompte, and the same duelye appꝛoued be foꝝe the sayde head officer oꝝ officers foꝝ the tyme beinge: that thanne euerye suche recepuour baylyffe reue oꝝ other officer so offendynge, to foꝝsayte and lose his sayd office and fee, whiche he had foꝝ the exercisynge of the same, and also thre tymes as moche as he hath so concealed and withdꝛawen. And that the said head officer oꝝ officers of the same seuerall courtes foꝝ the tyme beinge immediately bypon certifficat to hym made of the same defaulte contempte oꝝ offence, shall awarde pꝛoces in nature of attachement agaynste the same recepuour baylyffe reue oꝝ other officer, as well foꝝ the same arretages remaynyng in the handes of the same recepuour baylyffe reue oꝝ officer, as also foꝝ the penaltie of the sayde recognisaunce oꝝ bonde, in whiche the same Recepuour baylyffe reue oꝝ officer standeth bounden to oure sayde soueraygne loꝛde the kyng, as also foꝝ the contempte and peyne lymitted and appoynted by this acte.

¶ AND BE IT further enacted by auctoritie afoꝛesayde, that in all actions and suites to be taken oꝝ pursued in any the courtes afoꝛesayde, foꝝ the recouery of any dette oꝝ dettes, whiche now be oꝝ that hereafter shall happen to apperteyne accrue remayne oꝝ be to the kyng, by reason of any attainour outlawry foꝝsapture gyfte of the partye, oꝝ by any other collateral way oꝝ meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and allege in the sayde suite generalltye, that the partie, to whom the sayde det oꝝ dettes was due oꝝ dyd belonge, suche pere and daye dyd gyue the same dette oꝝ dettes vnto the kyng, oꝝ was attaynted outelawed oꝝ other offence, foꝝsapture, dede, acte oꝝ thynge commytted oꝝ dyd, by reason wherof the sayde det oꝝ dettes dyd accrue and oughte to remayne come and be to the kyng. And that the same matter, so to be shewed alleged oꝝ declared in a generalitie, without shewyng and declaringe the circumstaunce therof, shall be of as good foꝛce and effecte in the lawe to all intentes constructions and pourpoles, as if the hole matter therof had

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of had ben or were alleged and declared at large in every poynt, accordyng to the due order of the common lawes of this realme.

**¶** And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if any lorde be commensed or taken, or any proces be hereafter awarded for the kyng, for the recouerye of any the kynges dettes: that then the same lorde and paces shal be preferred before the suite of any other person or persones. And that our sayde soueraygne lorde his heires and successours, shal haue full execution agaynst any defendaunt or defendantes, of and for his sayde dettes, before any other person or persons, so alwayes that the kynges sayde lorde be taken and commensed, or proces awarded for the sayde det, at the suite of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kyng his heires or successours, before judgement givyn for the sayde other person or persons.

**¶** And be it enacted also by auctorite aforesayde, that all manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, the whiche now be or that here after shall come or be to the handes possession occupation or leason of any person or persones, to whome the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, have heretofore or hereafter shal descende reuert or remain, in fre simple or in fee tail, generall or speciall, by frome or after the death of any his or theyr aunces or aunces, as heire, or by gifte of his aunces, whose byre be is, whiche sayde aunces or aunces was is or shal be indebted to the kyng, or to any other person or persons to his hse, by judgement recognisance obligation or other specialtie, the det wherof is or shal not be contented and payed: that then in every suche case the same manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shal be and stand by auctorite of this arte, from henceforth, charged and chargeable to and for the payement of the same det, and of every parte therof. And that our sayde soueraygne lorde his heires and successours, at any tyme hereafter shal not be barred delayed forclosed or excluded, to demaunde haue and receyue his or theyr iuste due and lawfull debtes and duties agaynst any of his subiectes, as heire or heires to any persone or persons indebted to his highnes, or to other persones to his hse, or whiche shal be indebted to his highnes, his heires or successours, all be it this worde Heire be not or shal not be comprised in suche recognisance obligation or specialtie, or that any suche persone or persons shal saye or allege, that he or they haue not any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes to them descended, but onely suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes as be or shal be entayled, or givyn to them by any theyr aunces, to whom they be heires, any lawes byes or customes before this tyme be or had to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** It is ordeyned alwayes that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, maye at his or theyr libertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and recouer his or theyr sayde dette or dettes, of and agaynst any executour or executours, administratour or administratours, of any suche person or persons, whiche is hath ben or shal be indebted in maner and fourme abovesayde, if the same executour or executours, administratour or administratours, shal haue alies

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It is provided also that if the sayde manours landes and hereditamentes, or any of them, shall hereafter be recouered or euycted out of or from the possession of any suche personne or personnes, by any iuste or forcible, without fraude or couyn, whose manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes ben or shall be charged or chargeable as is abovesayde: that then all and euerye suche manours landes and hereditamentes, shall be clerely acquyted and discharged, of and for the paymente of the sayde dette, and of euery part thereof, any thyng befoze mentioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ **PROVIDED** alwaye and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if any personne or personnes, of whom any suche dette or duetie is or at any tyme hereafter shall be demanded or requyred, allege pleade declare or shewe in any of the sayde countres good perfit sufficient cause and matter in lawe reason or good consens, in bar or discharge of the sayde dette or duetie, or whye suche personne or personnes oughte not to be charged or chargeable to or with the same, and the same cause or matter so alleged pleaded declared or shewed, sufficiently proued in suche one of the sayde countres as he or they shall be impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same: that then the sayde countres and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctorite to accept adudge and allowe the same prouise, and holpe and clerely to acquyte and discharge of and euery person and personnes, that shall be so impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same, any thyng in this present acte befoze mentioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ **PROVIDED** also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche be or at any tyme hereafter shall be charged or chargeable to or with the dette of our sayde soueraygne lord his heires or successours, and be or at any tyme hereafter shall be in the seison and possession of dyuers and sundrye personnes, other then the obligour or obligours, that than al and singular the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and euery parcell of them, shall be holpe and entierly, and in noo wyse seuerallye, liable and chargeable, to and with the payment and paymentes of the sayde dette and duetie, anye thyng befoze reheised to the contrary not withstandinge.

It is provided also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extend to mynyshe abrogate or take away any realties liberties ppylleges franchises preeminences iurisdictiones fines issues or amerciamentes, apperteynyng or belonging to the sayd duchy of Lancaster and countie Palatyn of Lancaster or any of them; but that the same liberties realties ppylleges franchises preeminences iurisdictiones fines issues and amerciamentes, and euery of them, shall stille continue remaine and be to the sayde Duchye of Lancaster and countie Palatyn and to euey of them, as fullye holly and plenary as they were befoze the makinge of this present acte, any thing in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

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¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al manner of proces prosesles and executions for dettes, onely commynge or growynge in the courte of the Eschequer, shall be made in the same courte of the Eschequer by suche officer and officers clerke or minister of the same courte, as hath bene afoze this tyme vsed to be made, after and with suche kynde of proces prosesles and executions, as by this acte is lymitted and declared, any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

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